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# Ulster peace cracks widen

David Sharrock  
Ireland Correspondent

**N**ORTHERN Ireland's two-year peace was battered on a knife edge last night as more than a 1,000 members of the exclusively Protestant Orange Order faced riot police in Portadown and loyalists planned an escalating campaign of confrontation throughout Ulster. By midnight last night, there were 2,000 officers in and around the Co Armagh town, with five army battalions being held in reserve.

The tense stand-off came as police blockaded an Orange Order church parade at Drumore, on the outskirts of this staunchly loyalist town, which was the scene last year of another ugly confrontation between police and marchers. Last night the Orange Order appeared to be in control of the protest but was preparing to put into action a series of protests across Northern Ireland.

Elsewhere, there were disturbances at Newtownards, the M1 was briefly blocked at Moira and other roads were blocked around Drumore.

According to well-placed sources, the order intends to escalate the protests in the run-up to the Twelfth of July celebrations this Friday with the aim of paralysing Northern Ireland by the weekend if the RUC does not agree to let the Garvaghy Road parade continue.

If the plan succeeds, it will be the largest challenge to the civil authorities since the Ulster Workers' Council strike brought down the Northern Ireland power-sharing executive in 1974.

Five threw up a barricade of barbed wire half a mile long through the fields at Portadown to prevent being outflanked while the Orange Order mobilised their members throughout the Province. Stones were thrown at police lines and a teenager was arrested. Later, the Democratic

Unionist leader Ian Paisley arrived amid cheers. Mr Paisley said there was a "long hard slog" ahead.

The Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble, whose presence at last year's "Siege of Drumore" sealed him to the helm of his party, criticised the RUC chief constable, Sir Hugh Amessley, for his decision to prevent the Orange parade from passing down the Garvaghy Road.

"We are dealing with a very dangerous situation here," said Mr Trimble. "This situation is very ill-advised on the part of the chief constable. He shouldn't have done it, he's taking gambles."

Those gambles were starkly revealed by some senior mid-Ulster loyalists who were monitoring proceedings. "The ceasefire's over," said one figure bleakly.

"In the event of us going back to war down here, the rest will have to follow."

"We've taken enough and all we've seen in return is more and more appeasement of the IRA. If we give in on this one, the loyalist people are finished."

Last year's confrontation was resolved with an RUC climbdown and the reluctant permission of residents of the overwhelmingly Catholic and mostly Catholic area to allow the Orangemen to complete their 180-year-old traditional route back from church into the centre of Portadown.

So far this year, however, there has been absolutely no evidence of a mood of compromise on the part of any of the protagonists, who have all had months of planning time in which to prepare for what seemed last night to be a long and volatile confrontation.

The Orangemen hope to exhaust the resources of the RUC, but the forces — which came close to collapse during last year's three-day stand-off — has prepared for a lengthy security operation. Helicopters ferried fresh supplies and personnel to the scene throughout yesterday, using a playing field as a landing strip.



Richard Krajicek enjoys his moment of triumph at the end of yesterday's Wimbledon men's final. PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JEANES

## Victory for Krajicek, but it wasn't only the rain that turned the Wimbledon men's final into rather a damp squib

**T**HE most rain-interrupted Wimbledon of recent years got the damp squib final it deserved yesterday when the unseeded Dutchman Richard Krajicek won a one-sided men's singles final in straight sets, writes John Dunstan.

A pre-match centre court strecker at least gave the crowd something to think about during the frustrating rain breaks as Krajicek made easy work of the American Mervyn King. The first set took barely half an hour before the covers came on at 1-1 in the second. But Washington lost that 6-4 once the

skies cleared, and then the 27th Dutchman picked up 13 successive points in the third set to finish off his opponent.

"I can't quite believe it yet," said Krajicek, who collects £392,500 for the win to take back to his Monte Carlo home. "For a while I wasn't sure the match was really over and I wondered whether I was making a fool of myself — but it was true."

Krajicek had his huge 137 mph serve to thank for the win, with 14 aces taking his total for Wimbledon to 147. Washington's £192,250 second prize ought

to make his pious journey home tolerable.

Krajicek joins Boris Becker as only the second unseeded player to win Wimbledon, though Krajicek had a seeded place in the draw, replacing the No 2 Thomas Muster when he withdrew before the tournament.

Krajicek defeated the holder Pete Sampras and the former champion Michael Stich to get to the final. "I was surprised I wasn't seeded," he said. "But I think maybe I'll be seeded next year."

# Stop hiring our doctors, Mandela tells Britain

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

**M**INISTERS have summoned leaders of Britain's hospital trusts and urged them to stop recruiting doctors from South Africa because of the impact on its health service.

The move came ahead of the state visit to London by Nelson Mandela, the South African president, which starts today.

Whitehall is not commenting on suggestions Mr Mandela raised the issue with Downing Street in advance of his visit. But a Department of Health spokesman said: "It was passed through to the NHS that there were concerns."

Hospital trusts have been going overseas in search of doctors and nurses because of acute shortages, particularly in anaesthetics and some other specialties.

Trusts in Rotherham, Great Yarmouth and Liswell have been among those recruiting in South Africa. The South African health department has complained at moves to "poach our scarce resources to provide care for the British people at the heavy expense of our disadvantaged South Africans."

Problems have been exacerbated by the surging demand for doctors in parts of South Africa denied proper health care under apartheid.

The British health department has confirmed that Gerald Malone, the Health Minister, last month called in leaders of the two organisations representing NHS trusts to discuss the protests.

"Mr Malone recently met with leaders of the NHS Trust Federation and the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts and they have agreed to draw their members' attention to the potential effect on the South



African health care system," a spokesman said. "A similar message has been conveyed to regional directors of the NHS."

"While we are not making any formal restrictions on the ability of the NHS to compete in the free medical labour market, we do hope that the informal action may make the NHS more aware of the difficulties in South Africa."

South Africa has been a popular hunting ground for trusts seeking doctors because medical training there is highly rated compared with many other overseas countries.

Philip Hunt, director of the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts, said: "South African doctors are of good quality and are very attractive for hospital trusts which are finding real problems of shortages."

"I told Mr Malone that we are sympathetic to the difficulties of the South African health service, and will draw our members' attention to them, but that at the end of the day it is up to individual trusts to make their own decisions."

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# Survey reveals extent of Church schism on gays

Madeleine Buntings  
Religious Affairs Editor

**T**WO-THIRDS of the General Synod believe that the Church of England's current position on homosexuality — whereby practising homosexuality is tolerated amongst laity but not clergy — is incoherent, according to a Guardian survey.

Of members of Synod, the governing body of the Church of England, more than half (70 per cent of clergy members and 45 per cent of laity) said that they knew of clergy who were practising homosexuals. But the confusion in the

Church is illustrated by the fact that more than two-thirds think the Church should not be ordaining them and more than half of Synod do not even consider that being a practising homosexual is compatible with Christianity.

The survey comes only weeks after Lord Runcie admitted he had followed an approach of "don't ask, don't tell" towards ordaining homosexuals during his time as Archbishop of Canterbury from 1980 to 1991.

Synod members are due to meet at the end of this week in York, and a private member's motion on the subject, which has gathered 140 signatures, is unlikely to be debated until the autumn. But the subject will be in members' minds after bitter debates provoked by plans for a festival of gay and lesbian Christianity with a celebration in Southwark Cathedral in November to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement.

More than half of those who responded to the survey said they want the subject discussed in Synod within the next five years. But the indication is that this might lead to a toughening of the Church's stance, rather than any further liberalisation. There is a hefty majority (73.9 per cent) against the blessing

of homosexual marriages and 62 per cent are against ordination of practising homosexuals.

Nearly a third of Synod members considered they had a responsibility to report members of clergy who are practising homosexuals to the bishop, although another third endorsed a Runcie-style "don't ask, don't tell" approach.

A spokesman for the Church of England admitted that the number of Synod members who know actively practising homosexuals is "surprisingly high".

He added: "This is a complex issue and people are very confused and divided over it. Hopefully the ongoing debate in the Church will help to clarify matters."

But the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement claimed the figures show a steadily increasing support. "We are enormously encouraged. Thirty per cent believe the Church should be ordaining practising homosexuals. Ten years ago, people said we would never achieve that kind of figure, and that it was cloud cuckoo land."

Reform, the evangelical grouping, claimed that the findings demonstrated that the majority still believed homosexuality to be wrong. But it warned that with 70 per cent of clergy knowing prac-

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# Strange love, or how I learned not to worry

Lincoln Cathedral is riven by controversy, but with hostilities in abeyance yesterday's service contained talk of making accommodation, despite hints of divine irony

## Monday sketch



David Ward

THE only person who can sack the warring Dean and Sub-dean of Lincoln Cathedral appears to be the Almighty. He, working in his usual mysterious way, is saying nothing, but he does appear to be dropping some pretty big hints.

Some of those who yesterday took their places for worship in the cathedral's late 14th century oak choir stalls may have wondered whether they might see a display of divine power such as the conflagration that engulfed York Minster, allegedly in response to the appointment of a controversial Bishop of Durham.

Perhaps there was an awful warning in verse 18 of psalm 77 sung by the choristers (14 boys and 10 men) at matins: "The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven, the lightnings

lightened the world, the earth trembled and shook."

Those with long memories may even have recalled the great Lincoln earthquake of 1185, which destroyed much of the original Norman cathedral.

But the earth did not shake yesterday; there were no flashes of retribution, no thunderbolts. So, for the time being, it remains up to mortal men to sort out a problem which has run for seven years, and which, according to some gloomy insiders, could last for all eternity.

Last week the Archbishop of Canterbury, who described as a scandal the feud between the Dean, the Very Rev Brandon Jackson, and the Sub-dean, Canon Rex Davis, urged both men to go quietly.

Canon Davis has refused and has promised to tell us why this week; Dean Jackson is seeking guidance in prayer. Yesterday was a working day for Canon Davis, and he officiated, in a cape of green and embroidered cream, at a sung eucharist and preached at matins, pausing between services for refreshment with communicants in the coffee shop.

His only direct reference to the feud was in the Chapter newsletter: "Given the amount of media attention to



Cloistered calm at Lincoln Cathedral, but an ecclesiastical row rumbles on behind the scenes PHOTOGRAPH: CHRIS THOMSON

Lincoln this week, you will be relieved to know from the start of this letter that, the Dean being on holiday, the Sub-dean will not make any further reference to the matter."

The Almighty, however, was having nothing to do with this no comment stuff. Listen to the epistle read at the com-

munion service yesterday, the fifth Sunday after Trinity. "Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous; not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing... For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no

guile..." And what of the hymns that echoed round those ancient limestone walls? The first line of one spoke of peace but was set to the tune associated with Fight the Good Fight.

The third verse of another referred to the storm of our us and the dark clouds before us. Number 458 tells us that

Christ sends forth to us priests to consecrate the world of time (and not, one may infer, to have extended punch-ups with each other). All this surely proves that the Good Lord has a finely developed sense of irony.

Many of the faithful are understandably keeping their heads down. One finished his

post-eucharist coffee and headed out past the statue of Lord Tennyson (a local lad), casting behind him a masterpiece of understatement: "The cathedral manages extremely well, but you would be blind not to notice certain frictions at the top."

Charles White, who comes almost every week with his wife, Pamela, refused to condemn either turbulent priest: "Good luck to them. They are not doing any harm and are right to state their opinions."

And one woman described the only course of action open to her: "Everybody should pray for a right solution and not judge others. I stand for God and I talk to Him. I think you have to find your own self within you and each individual is so different."

One non-attending local businessman was not prepared to be so charitable. He recited a rude limerick about a verger and added: "I have lived in two cathedral cities, Winchester and Lincoln, and there has been the same snobbery, the same feeling of superiority round both cathedrals. It's all bullshit."

Canon Davis's sermon spoke feelingly of a series of personal conversions — to pentecostalism, ecumenism, the women's ministry — and compared them to falling in love. He added that one could

even be converted to a cathedral. Before being appointed to Lincoln, he had worked at the edge of the church, studying new religious movements, preaching in far-flung places.

"When I came here, I felt a little as if God had played an enormous joke on me," he confessed. "I suddenly found myself in this great hulking place with its somewhat stultifying beauty and the regularity of its ways, of what can even be thought of as the boring routine of Anglican ordinariness."

But just as love develops, so conversion comes; the Sub-dean learned to love his cathedral in 1982, while attending a conference in the United States.

In his blessing, Canon Davis invoked the name of St Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln from 1186 to 1200. Hugh, according to popular legend, was an excessive admirer of holy relics. He once visited Peacamp Abbey in France and bit off a chunk of Mary Magdalene's arm.

St Hugh's successor, the Rt Rev Robert Hardy, keeps not relics but a small collection of Dinky toys and a boomerang in his study. Lord knows what the toy cars symbolise; but the boomerang suggests an intractable problem, one that comes flying back just when you thought you had got rid of it.

School's stance gives Major ammunition as parties battle for education vote □ Labour leader neutral in debate on 'annual beauty contest'



John McIntosh, headmaster

"If they meant the school as it is now were to be destroyed, we would need to look at options which could include becoming an independent school"



London Oratory school, which would consider becoming independent under a Labour government PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN ANGLIS

## Blair headmaster accused of inept politicking

### Threat to switch to fee-paying school to avoid party's policies

John Carvel Education Editor

ABOUT last night accused the headmaster of the state school where Tony Blair sends his older son of "inept and clumsy politicking" after he warned that it might become a private fee-paying establishment to escape the education policies of a Labour government.

John McIntosh, head of the London Oratory grant-maintained school attended by Euan Blair, said in a statement that Labour policies threatened its character. "If they meant that the

school as it is now were to be destroyed, we would need to look at a range of options, which could include becoming an independent school," he said.

The intervention appeared calculated to needle Mr Blair, who attracted criticism in the party 18 months ago when he chose a grant-maintained Roman Catholic school before party policy was adjusted to come to terms with state schools opting out of local authority control.

David Blunkett, the shadow education secretary, responded by accusing Mr McIntosh of misrepresenting Labour proposals

to make a stir. "He is behaving as if he owned the school when clearly he does not. I think it is absolute bluff. It is a piece of rather inept and clumsy politicking to try to embarrass Tony Blair."

Mr McIntosh's intervention gave the Conservatives fresh ammunition by opening up the prospect of a Labour prime minister with a son at an independent school while the party's commitment to state education makes it unthinkable.

Mr McIntosh has been one of the most outspoken advocates of state schools opting out of local authority control. Yesterday he expressed "serious concern" about Labour's plan to offer grant-maintained schools the opportunity to

convert to "foundation status".

Most of the Oratory's governors were appointed by its trustees who guarantee the ethos of the school. That control would be lost under Labour, he said.

The party also appeared committed to neighbourhood schools, admitting pupils from their local area. That would inevitably force changes on the Oratory, which takes its 1,200 boys from throughout London and beyond.

Going independent would be a big step for a grant-maintained school. It would lose state funding and would have to rely completely on fees and charitable income.

Mr Blunkett said the Oratory opted out of voluntary-aided church school status

because Mr McIntosh did not want the diocesan authority to have direction over the school.

Foundation status under a Labour government, he added, would not affect the ethos of the school unless Mr McIntosh harboured an ambition to make it wholly selective.

Sir Robert Balchin, chairman of the Grant-Maintained Schools Foundation, said he did not expect large numbers of schools to flee the state sector under a Labour government. "The London Oratory would have to look for pupils from an even wider area. But if any schools could pull it off, I would say they would be one."

4,000 teachers to go', page 4

## Shadow elections left in MPs' hands

Michael White Political Editor

TONY Blair last night left it open to Labour MPs to decide whether or not to risk the annual autumn ritual of shadow cabinet elections so close to what could turn into real elections against the Conservatives.

Mr Blair's office reacted with studied neutrality to reports that up to 100 backbenchers are backing Andrew Mackinlay's call for the shadow elections to be held in November as usual.

Sooner than that, Mr Blair and John Major are adopting a common approach on whether or not MPs and ministers should get pay rises of up to 30 per cent, "fat cat" awards or catch-up payments after a decade of parliamentary cowardice, according to taste.

Both are urging rejection of Wednesday night's free vote, in favour of a 3 per cent rise. But there are strong signs that enough backbenchers on

all sides feel sufficiently hard-done-by to ignore that advice.

Privately some ministers and shadow ministers agree. They are likely to find excuses to 'abstain to avoid "split" talk. The shadow elections pose smaller problems. Last week's row over the devolution referendum reminded Mr Blair that his Road to the Manifesto statement needs unity if voters are to stay impressed.

In private, the Labour leader and his allies would almost certainly prefer the annual beauty contest to be called off as a potential distraction. It could result in Blairite MPs — notably Harriet Harman — being voted off to remind Mr Blair not to take the troops for granted.

Scope for mischief was underlined yesterday by the kind of media reports which make Labour MPs fret. Loudly discounted was a claim that Mr Blair plans to win two elections and then stand down at 50. It suggests a degree of confidence about the next election that Mr Blair studiously avoids.

On the shadow cabinet, Mr

Mackinlay, MP for Thurrock, claims the support of 100 colleagues across the spectrum. Some doubt that all those votes would resist an impassioned plea for unity, but left-winger Tony Banks yesterday told BBC's Breakfast with Frost: "It will be most surprising if they [the leadership] push this, but if they do, I think it will get turned over very heavily."

The issue will be discussed at Wednesday's shadow cabinet and by the weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party on July 17.

John Reid, the defence spokesman, who first floated the suspension idea, intends to press MPs for a decision. "Our sole aim should be the defeat of the Conservatives, not the defeat of shadow cabinet members," he said.

The shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, told Sky News there was no proposal to abandon the elections, but that could change with an early general election.

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## Wordy text leaves little space for music

### First night

Andrew Clements

The Doctor of Myddfa! Welsh National Opera, Cardiff

WELSH National Opera's controversial decision to ask Manchester-born Peter Maxwell Davies to write an opera for its 50th anniversary rather than commissioning a composer from west of Offa's Dyke has been thoroughly vindicated. But The Doctor of Myddfa, which received its press preview in Cardiff on Friday — the official premiere

is at Llandudno on Wednesday — does have a Welsh origin.

It is built around a medieval legend about the healing powers of successive generations of doctors of Myddfa, even though David Pountney's libretto is located in the present day in an anonymous, bureaucratic state. What the opera is really about is harder to divine; it seems to be part Aida-allegory, part mad-cow parable, part anti-Euro diatribe.

The new Doctor of Myddfa is re-telling the old legend to his 12-year-old daughter, while a strange new disease is devastating the population — whenever anyone is struck a blow, or even kissed in the rain, a bruise spreads incur-

ably. When the Doctor goes to the government for help, he is treated with indifference and discovers he has taken on the magical powers of his predecessors. When he finally gets to see the Ruler himself and is again dismissed, he transforms himself into a woman from an escort agency, and manages to infect the Ruler with the disease.

The Ruler demands to be taken to a lake to be cured alongside his people; once there the doctor refuses to cure him and is trampled to death by the crowd. The Doctor's daughter now takes control, orders the Ruler to walk into the lake, and begins to dismantle the machinery of state.

Pountney's staging is a model

of clarity and directness, in spare, arresting designs by Huntley/Muir. Yet his text is prolific — there are just too many words to put over, with not enough space for the music to expand around them. But Davies's music, beautifully paced after slightly plodding opening scenes, takes maximum advantage of what expressive room there is.

Dramatically the opera pivots about the two crucial confrontations between the Doctor and the Ruler; the musical roots are two hymns sung in Welsh in the first scene of each act. This raw material generates some moments of high-tension power, especially in the interludes, which recall the best of Davies's recent orches-

tral music. Yet his palette is wide — there are exquisite washes of colour, and vivid, sharp-edged echoes of the vocal lines in the orchestra.

The Doctor of Myddfa is only Davies's second full-scale opera, and will be, he says, his last. That's a pity. There aren't many other British composers around who could plot a stage work so convincingly, and understand the relationship between drama and music so well. But if it is his farewell to the opera house, it is a satisfying one, done full justice by the orchestra of WNO under Richard Armstrong, and a cast led by Paul Whelan's forthright Doctor, Gwynne Howell's weak-willed Ruler, and Lisa Tyrell's touching Child.

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Full equality and more involvement in active service for female soldiers agreed in principle, but top brass balk at final push to front line fighting until 'society as a whole is ready'

David Fairhall on a policy revision



Women cadets at the Sandhurst military academy take part in the Sovereign's Parade. They could soon get an enhanced front line role

PHOTOGRAPH: GRAHAM TURNER

# Army to step up women's combat roles



A woman soldier in the US Marine Corps arrives at a Saudi Arabian air base during the Gulf War in 1990

THE army's top brass have decided in principle that women should be allowed to fight in the front line. However, they are holding back from instituting this final form of equal opportunity because they believe British society as a whole is not yet ready for it. In a report that will shortly go to the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, the Army Board has recommended that everything but the infantry and the armoured corps should immediately be opened up to women. This means female soldiers could find themselves serving in Bosnia with the sappers or the artillery, not just driving a truck or operating a radio. Even then, however, commanders will be expected to exercise some discretion — for example, by posting women to the gun lines but not sending them right forward to an exposed artillery observation post. Nor is there any immediate prospect of their being involved in what soldiers call "the final brutal business" of hand-to-hand combat. Two considerations are driving the army forward in the direction of complete sexual equality — a serious shortage of recruits, and the way in which some service-women have recently exploited European equal opportunities law. The Army Board's first instinct in conducting its latest review of the situation was to



Woman soldier in Israel, where emphasis is put on lessening chances of capture

remove all formal barriers and let women decide for themselves whether they wanted to go "over the top". Units would also be able to exercise discretion by setting physical training targets that women would be unlikely to meet. In the event, pending more public discussion and probably a parliamentary debate, the generals have taken refuge in the idea of preserving "combat effectiveness". In practice, this means not putting women in the direct line of fire, and trying to lessen their chances of capture — a point on which the Israeli army, which uses many women, puts great emphasis. "But when the nation is ready," said one senior officer yesterday, "we will go the whole hog." Britain's armed forces have taken enormous strides towards non-discrimination. Female soldiers often carry arms, though usually for self-defence, and they are no longer restricted to the rear echelons. In the air, women now fly combat aircraft and attack helicopters, not just transports. In the navy, they go to sea in surface warships, and the Admiralty recently decided that in principle they should also be allowed to serve in submarines.

## Abuse and torture are political risks governments fear most

Sarah Boseley

THERE they are on the parade grounds of Europe and the world, hair pulled tightly off their faces, uniforms immaculate and guns gleaming. But while women soldiers may rank highly and perform outstandingly, few are ever to be seen at the mud and gore end of soldiering. In theory, Britain is one of the last countries in Europe with an official ban on women going to the frontlines, along with Portugal and Greece. But in fact, there are very few women soldiers indeed in Italy and those in Germany are restricted to the medical centre or the military band. In both countries, the barrier is mostly a traditional and cultural one. Italian women, said a male Italian general at a conference on women in Nato forces a couple of years ago, seemed not to be much interested in serving in the army. There were calls in Germany yesterday by the junior partners in Chancellor

Helmut Kohl's coalition government for women to be allowed into all areas of military service, including armed units. The defence minister, Volker Rucht, a Christian Democrat, dismissed the idea of women in combat out of hand. The official barriers to women who want to fight have been pulled down by Canada, Belgium, Holland and Norway, where any soldier can apply for a combat role regardless of gender. Women are very visible in the Israeli army, where they fight alongside the men. Even so, there are restrictions on where Israeli women soldiers are sent, for fear that they could be captured by Palestinian fighters. The concept of women in enemy hands, of women being tortured, is a hard one for all governments. In the United States army, where women are more equal and more numerous than anywhere in the world — they had about 40,000 in the Gulf War, compared with 1,500 from the UK, 240 from Canada and 80 from Belgium — the ugly spectre did indeed raise its head. Two women were captured by the Iraqis and one was believed to have been raped, but very little was made of it. If women want to fight, the logic runs, then they must take the risks that men take — of death, injury, abuse and torture.

## Union leaders warn BA not to use foreign pilots to break strike

Keith Harper and Sue Quinn

ANY attempt by British Airways to use foreign crews to break the all-out pilots' strike scheduled for July 16 will be blocked, leaders of the proposed stoppage warned last night. The warning came after BA refused yesterday to rule out using foreign pilots to cover for British Airline Pilots' Association's (Balpa) 3,500 members who are planning an indefinite stoppage over pay. "We are making contingency plans to cover every eventuality," a BA spokesman said. Balpa said the idea was "doomed to failure". BA would not be able to gain approval to use foreign pilots to fly the company's 56,000 daily travellers, and any attempt to

do so would accelerate the dispute. Chris Darke, Balpa's general secretary, was adamant that BA would be unable to circumvent the strike by hiring foreign crews. "The fact is that before a foreign pilot could fly a BA aircraft they would have to be assessed by a BA training captain, the vast majority of whom are Balpa members who, of course, will be on strike," he said. Balpa has also contacted the International Federation of Airline Pilots' Associations to ensure that foreign pilots do not work for BA. The International Transport Federation has been called on to request that ground crews in international airports refuse to handle BA planes piloted by non-union members once the strike starts. This has been done to head

off possible plans by BA to call on 650 non-union pilots to work in the event of a dispute. Mr Darke insisted that Balpa had a "good working relationship" with international colleagues and this would be good enough to frustrate BA's plans. Balpa claims the walkout will cost BA \$40 million a day and will virtually ground its entire fleet. But the airlines and travel agents are continuing to take telephone bookings for BA flights. Balpa has been encouraging other airlines to run extra flights to help holidaymakers get to their destinations. Both sides could find themselves at Acas, the conciliation service, if the dispute is not resolved before the end of the week. The airline unions are increasingly concerned about their position in the industry.

Some fear that BA is preparing to face them down in a confrontation. The transport unions are one of the last bastions of trade union control, and a number of union leaders have watched while BA has taken a more aggressive attitude toward their members. The most striking example of this has been in new working methods for pilots in Europe. BA may take legal action to prevent the strike. It said that a separate offer to pilots at Gatwick has not been considered by Balpa's membership, and that the union needs to consult all pilots before proceeding with its strike. Balpa's reaction to this is that a 9 per cent offer to Gatwick pilots includes a 10 per cent increase in productivity, which means that its pilots at Gatwick would be worse off under the proposed deal.

## IRA attack suspect 'did not receive army bomb training'

Owen Rowcott and Ian Traynor in Bonn

MICHAEL Dickson, the ex-sapper who allegedly spearheaded the IRA mortar attack on Osnabruck barracks, would not have learned bomb-making in the Royal Engineers, an army spokesman insisted yesterday. The training would have taught him how to locate and clear areas around mines or booby-traps, but would not have given him a detailed knowledge of explosives, said Lieutenant-Colonel Jan-Diet Merveldt, the senior army spokesman in Germany. "He may have got to know a bit

about bombs through basic awareness training, but sappers move construction equipment around and are plumbers, drivers and diggers." The hunt for the 31-year-old former soldier and his four republican colleagues switched back across the Irish Sea at the weekend after a car thought to belong to him was seized by the Royal Ulster Constabulary in Portlaoine. Since German detectives issued the suspects' descriptions to Interpol, the search for the IRA active service unit — two of whose other members are said to be called Mark and Beth — has in-

involved police forces across Europe. No one was hurt in the mortar attack on the British army barracks in Osnabruck on June 28, which marked the reopening of the IRA's campaign in Europe. Until then, there had been a six-year lull in attacks on British bases abroad. The alleged presence of a former serviceman in the ranks of the IRA highlights another intermittent feature of the Troubles. If Dickson, whose family came from Glasgow, was responsible for the attack, he will be neither the first Scot nor the first ex-soldier in the Provisionals. Few details of Dickson's

past life emerged yesterday, but it was known he spent most of his service life from 1961 to 1968 with 44 Field Support Squadron, 38th Regiment Royal Engineers, at Hameln in Germany, and was a fluent German speaker. He had not served in Northern Ireland but had visited the Osnabruck base where another Royal Engineers regiment is based. After leaving the army he worked as a security guard in London. German investigators say "at least" five persons — three males and two females — comprised the active service unit involved. They may now have returned to Ireland.

Although the Royal Opera House is not a PR firm, the impression remains that Peter Gummer has been brought in as much for his presentational skills as his managerial nous. Dan Glaister



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# 4 BRITAIN

## News in brief

### 4,000 teachers 'to be made redundant'

NEARLY one in 10 schools in England and Wales is threatening redundancies at the end of this term and 4,000 teachers could lose their jobs, the Association of Teachers and Lecturers said yesterday, indicating a further rise in class sizes at the start of the next academic year.

Extrapolating from a survey of 6,000 schools, the association estimated that 4,000 teachers would have to go if the Government's 1995-96 budget was implemented. The figure is almost as high as last year in spite of assurances from the Government that budgets were being increased to prevent a further rise in class sizes.

The survey found job losses in all types of school, but the secondary sector would bear the highest proportion. Many more posts would be shed through teaching being forced to take early retirement due to ill health and not being replaced. "The feeling factor for teachers and parents remains as elusive as ever. Job insecurity is bad enough, but equally worrying is the inevitable racking up again of class sizes this September. Once more teachers and parents are paying the price of continued underfunding," said Peter Smith, the association's general secretary. — *John Carvel*

### British beef 'sold illegally'

THE German health ministry in Bonn confirmed at the weekend that the European Commission has been asked to follow up claims that British beef is being delivered illegally to mainland Europe. The 16 federal states of Germany have also been ordered to tighten their import controls on beef.

The German ambassador in Rome, in a letter to the ministry last week, complained that exports were reaching Italy via Scotland, Ireland, and France, and spoke of "large scale" cheating on the European Union's export ban. According to the German press, the ambassador said forged health certification and false contents descriptions were used to mask the suspect goods. "An attempt to bring a meat delivery — declared as potatoes — into Italy was uncovered," the letter stated.

The BSE crisis has decimated sales of beef in Germany, and Bonn has been among the hardliners in the EU in its insistence on not easing the export ban until Britain has proven it has eradicated the risks. A leading member of the government of the state of Hessen has said that beef consumers had to be protected against "criminal intriguing" and that the commission should reverse the ban on exports of cattle byproducts such as bull semen, tallow, and gelatine. — *Ian Traynor in Bonn*

### Mayhew to quit at election

The Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, confirmed yesterday that he will stand down as MP for Tunbridge Wells at the election, reviving speculation that John Major may decide to replace him when he "refers" his ministerial team before the summer recess. Sir Patrick told a constituency meeting in Tunbridge, Kent, on Friday that he will be leaving after representing them for 22 years. His impressive 17,132 majority will trigger a rush to be his successor.

Whether the Prime Minister will take the opportunity to shake up his Cabinet, as well as lower ministerial posts later this month, is uncertain. Sir Patrick is believed to want to stay on at Stormont, but his deputy, Michael Ancram, would offer a smooth and generally popular successor.

Having given Mr Major his first leg up the promotion ladder, as his unpaid PPS in the early 80s, Sir Patrick is seen as a chum. At 66 he is one of the oldest members of the Cabinet and the nearest colleague Mr Major has to a Willie Whitelaw figure, to whom he can turn for wise and disinterested advice. — *Michael White*

### Black pupils 'face dole queue'

ONE in three black school-leavers face the dole this summer, twice as many as whites, according to a report today from the TUC. The situation was worse in Greater London, where four out of 10 blacks leaving school are likely to be jobless this summer.

The report showed that unemployment among young black people was running at 35.2 per cent in Britain last summer, compared with 15.8 per cent among whites. The report was published as the TUC stepped up its anti-racism campaign, which includes the release today of a record, *Respect*, by artists include Jimmy Somerville, Right Said Fred and IncoGNiTo. The TUC is also staging a free music and entertainment festival in London on July 20 as part of its campaign.

### Germ peril of dish cloths

AFTER one day's normal use the average reusable dish cloth contains more than a billion bacteria — equivalent to the number in a typical kitchen sink U-bend, say researchers at Westminster University, London. Some of the samples tested harboured salmonella and coliform bacteria which can cause food poisoning and conjunctivitis.

Rinsing a cloth under hot water would not kill most of the germs and could even help to spread bacteria to the hands, said the researchers. They concluded that paper towels should be used for wiping all kitchen spills. If reusable cloths were used, they should be disinfected at least once a day either by washing at a temperature of at least 70C or by soaking in bleach.

### Stamps go up by penny

FROM today the price of a first class stamp will increase from 26p to 27p, while a second class stamp will go from 15p to 16p.

It is the first rise in more than 2½ years. The Post Office chairman, Sir Michael Heron, said yesterday that the rise was caused by an "exacting" cash demand from the Treasury of £925 million over the next three years. "The stamp price increase is necessary solely because of the unprecedented cash demand on the Post Office by the Government," the Trade President, Ian Lang, said the price of stamps will be lower in real terms than five years ago.

### Jackpot is rolled over

SATURDAY'S £11.1 million National Lottery jackpot will be rolled over to make an estimated jackpot of £20 million this coming Saturday. Eleven people won £311,182 by matching five of the numbers 44, 47, 45, 43, 26 and 13, with the bonus number, 36.

Conservative thinker sets out to demolish 'dangerous and wrong' ideas behind Labour's revival

# Tory challenges Blair gurus

Michael White  
Political Editor

LABOUR'S revival under Tony Blair's leadership owes its intellectual respectability to six core propositions about Britain's place in the modern world which are dangerous and wrong, a leading Tory intellectual says today.

Without the work of eight influential gurus on themes such as globalisation, stakeholding and constitutional reform, the Labour leader's speeches would not be given their "quite exaggerated respect," according to David Willetts, a former think tank guru and now junior public

services minister at the Cabinet Office. Mr Blair's utterances are "almost entirely mood music, with some rather grandiose assertions mixed in." What gives them weight are key buzz words.

These include "community" — under threat from "globalisation" of the economy and job "insecurity" which generates social insecurity and crime; "short-termism" which is a central fault of Anglo-Saxon finance capitalism; "stakeholder" as a means of reforming business and welfare to make them more "inclusive"; as well as "constitutional reform" as an antidote to "centralisation". Mr Willetts's eight targets

are Frank Field, the Labour MP for Birkenhead and welfare expert; Peter Mandelson, spin-doctor, author and MP for Hartlepool; Professor John Kay, exponent of stakeholding; Will Hutton, Guardian economic columnist turned Observer editor; Andrew Marr, editor of the Independent; John Gray, ex-Thatcherite Oxford don; Professor David Marquand, formerly of the SDP and, surprisingly, Simon Jenkins, Tory ex-editor of the Times. He is included because of his book, *Accountable to None*, which describes the centralisation of key powers, chiefly at the expense of local government and other intermediate bodies, in the 80s. Mr Willetts, MP for Havant

since 1992, calls the eight "spiritual cousins of those great British eccentrics who travelled abroad, taking up native costumes and living among the Bedouin, leading the cause of Greek nationalism, or preserving the old folk songs of dying tribes. It is the desire not to be British which drives their agenda". Instead of working with the grain of Britain's unique strengths and weaknesses, they seek German corporate structures, Japanese industrial long-termism, Singapore's welfare system and the judicial and constitutional traditions of the European Union.

Mr Blair's contradictions stem from his acceptance that "on all the big issues of the past 15 years the Conservatives have indeed been right" while attempting to denounce Thatcherite values. Mr Willetts's main arguments are: On globalisation, job exports to the Third World are exaggerated, the flexible British labour market is scarcely less secure than 20 years ago, and yields more jobs than the European social chapter model. Stakeholding fails to acknowledge potential conflict between stakeholders or the strengths of market-driven companies. On welfare reform Labour wishes to remove the disincentives to work which are inherent in means-testing while extending it to pension-

ers and 16-18-year-olds. Allegations of Tory centralisation fail to recognise the more open way Britain is governed or the way the Tories have delegated decisions to schools, hospitals etc. Critics fail to recognise the power of judicial review to constrain ministers; and constitutional reform is offered as a panacea for Britain's ills. Labour's faith in education and training implies that equality of opportunity will lead to greater equality of outcome when there is no such guarantee. Blair's Gurus, Centre for Policy Studies, £7.50 from 52 Rochester Row, London SW1P 1UJ. John Gray, page 9



Labour thinkers (from left): Will Hutton, editor of the Observer; John Gray, Oxford don; Frank Field MP; and John Kay, exponent of stakeholding. PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN REARDON

## What David Willetts, Tory guru and junior minister, thinks of Labour's intellectuals

- On Will Hutton:** "He accuses the City of failing to recognise the true value of long-term investment... if Hutton believes that, then he knows how to become a very rich man indeed. He should set up the William Hutton Long-Term Investment Fund."
- On John Gray:** "Gray's analysis leads him towards protectionism and environmentalism as ways of erecting barriers against the forces of the international economy. The obvious parallels are... Sir James Goldsmith and Ross Perot."
- On John Kay:** "The more cynical observers of Tony Blair may suggest that it is [the] absence of any clear policy descriptions which make John Kay so appealing to Blair and the people around him. It enables Blair... to give a vague sense of being concerned."
- On Frank Field:** "He is many Conservatives' favourite Labour politician... he understands as few on the left have done that... ultimately the social security system can shape people's behaviour and must be subject to moral scrutiny."
- On Peter Mandelson:** "Mandelson's book blithely jumbles up equality of outcome, equality of opportunity, social cohesion, and a narrowing of the earnings distribution, and more spending... to be taken seriously these ideas need some sort of rigour."
- On David Marquand:** "Marquand was a Blairite before Blair was a Blairite... he is an admirer of Continental social democracy just as Blair is... Britain is seen as somehow stuck in the past, trapped by its history, whereas it should be copying more modern countries."

## High-level talks spark fears Labour may renege on pledge to restore GCHQ union rights

MEMBERS of the shadow cabinet have had private talks with staff at GCHQ in a move that could lead to a Labour government recognising the management-approved body set up after Mrs Thatcher imposed a trades union ban at the secret intelligence-gathering centre. The 12-year fight to restore free trades unions at GCHQ has great symbolic importance in the labour movement, and the talks may spark fears that Tony Blair will renege on his pledge to restore full union rights at the Cheltenham centre. David Blunkett, Michael Meacher and Stephen Byers, Labour's front bench employment team, recently had a meeting at his request with Brian Moore, chairman of the management-approved Government Communications Staff Federation. But one of the Labour team described the issue as a minefield. Faced with the threat of being named by the International Labour Organisation in a procedure normally reserved for military dictatorships, the cabinet last year dropped a management veto over the association's activities. The trades union certification officer is now considering whether to grant the association official independent status. According to Mr Moore, the association represents more than 51 per cent of GCHQ staff — the shadow cabinet's criterion for trades union recognition. Mr Moore said last week that Labour's employment spokesman indicated it was a matter for GCHQ staff which body they wanted to join in the event of a Labour election victory. However, Mr Blunkett yesterday insisted he "had not promised anything at all". He and his colleagues "just listened", he said — while also referring to Labour's new commitment on the 51 per cent threshold. Civil service union leaders, whose members at GCHQ were told to leave their unions or the centre, are divided on how to respond to Mr Moore's approaches. The PTC union, which had most members at GCHQ, is taking a hard line, while leaders of the CPSA, the largest civil service union, have made it clear they want to prepare for a settlement.

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# Poetic spirit of '65 fades into a Blur

Fiachra Gibbons at the Albert Hall

POETRY is dead. The wake was at the Royal Albert Hall last night. Not even Damon Albarn, the bard of Britpop, could save it.

Hyped as The Superjam: A Hip Mass, the nine-hour reading was supposed to celebrate pop poetry's coming of age. But it turned out more like a revival meeting of some dying sect. The old, the very young, and a smattering of the terminally sad in between.

It started ominously. A middle-aged woman singing in Japanese to her own echo, another omming "Steve Elko ... ommmmm ... Ken Saro Wiwa ..." to an almost empty auditorium.

Michael Horowitz, grandmaster of what he called "this Bardstock", blew a strange little horn, his "Anglophone" to summon up the spirit of 1965, when he packed the hall with the beat generation, and for one night poetry was proclaimed the new rock 'n' roll. "Let's levitate the place!" he shouted in his white flares, looking like he belonged down the road in the Natural History Museum with the T-rex.

All the old stages of performance poetry were there. Roger McGough, now a grandfather, looked faintly embarrassed. The Irish poet Brendan Kennel, ly read, appropriately, from his new collection, *Poetry My Arse*.

You would never have thought that British poetry was in the middle of its strongest revival since the 1930s. Among the line-up of 60 was Patti Smith, high priestess of the Beatnik spirit, and the spectacularly obscure "Smokey" who was just about enough to make up the rhythm section of the band on the Titanic.



Poets cornered ... Patti Smith: 'Should I start counting the audience?' and Roger McGough, faintly embarrassed by 'Bardstock' attempt to revive 1965. PHOTOGRAPH: KIPPA MATTHEWS



# Hardliners' dwindling voice against ordination of homosexual clergy

## Gay debate the synod bishops do not want

Madeline Bunting Religious Affairs Editor

THE Guardian's survey of General Synod members on homosexuality will make awkward reading for the bishops. Sixty-five per cent of the Church of England's governing body gave the House of Bishops' 1991 report, *Issues in Human Sexuality*, the thumbs down. The compromise document asserts that active homosexuality can be tolerated among the laity but not among the clergy, but synod says this is not coherent.

Homosexuality is the synod debate the House of Bishops does not want. Its 1991 report has yet to come before synod, and according to the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, the synod policy committee has produced an 18 page briefing document about how to keep the matter off the agenda.

The fear is, as several synod members responding to the survey wrote, that any debate will generate "far more heat than light". This is a subject on which passions run deep because it strikes at the heart of how people view the Bible.

If every word of the Bible is true and comes directly from God, then passages of Leviticus are clear on buggery and sodomy, declare the hardline

### Church homosexuality survey

<p>Is the Church's current position towards homosexuality coherent?</p> <p>Yes 30.5%</p> <p>No 65.3%</p>	<p>Is Christianity compatible with being a practising homosexual?</p> <p>Yes 40.4%</p> <p>No 52.5%</p>
<p>Would you like to discuss homosexuality in the lifetime of this General Synod?</p> <p>Yes 55.5%</p> <p>No 36.1%</p>	<p>Should the Church ordain practising homosexuals?</p> <p>Yes 30.0%</p> <p>No 62.1%</p>
<p>Do you know of any clergy who are practising homosexuals?</p> <p>Yes 55.9%</p> <p>No 35.5%</p>	<p>Should clergy be able to bless homosexual relationships?</p> <p>Yes 20.5%</p> <p>No 73.9%</p>
<p>Do you consider you have a responsibility to report to the bishop about clergy who are practising homosexuals?</p> <p>Yes 27.5%</p> <p>No 62.4%</p>	<p>Would it be fair to characterise your approach as one of 'don't ask don't tell'?</p> <p>Yes 31.1%</p> <p>No 61.6%</p>

evangelicals. The Church must hold to what is true, not follow the fashion of the day, is the rallying cry of synod members in the evangelical Reform group which has

threatened to suspend its pastoral financial contributions to the diocese over this issue. Not a threat to be taken lightly since evangelical congregations are some of the

biggest and wealthiest in the Church.

To avert that, the bishops have to tread a delicate line of refusing publicly to tolerate practising homosexuals among the clergy.

"If the Church openly accepts practising homosexuals for ordination, we would pull out of communion."

"The greater danger is that they'll keep fudging the issues. Homosexuals are being ordained, bishops must know and that is happening increasingly."

We're having to consider our position," said Phillip Hacking, chairman of Reform, a conservative evangelical group within the Church.

But the survey indicates that this hardline element is shrinking.

Only 7 per cent of synod took the extreme stance of believing that "even celibate homosexuals need to be healed of their sexual orientation if they are to be fully accepted as Christians" and that not even celibate homosexuals should be ordained.

On a key question — is Christianity compatible with being a practising homosexual? — 40.4 per cent said yes, 52.5 per cent said no.

The clergy were more tolerant than the laity (49 per cent to 34 per cent) reflecting a general trend throughout the survey.

## Mandela's 'special' swansong

Living legend's state visit aims to combine business and pleasure

David Broderick in Johannesburg

NELSON Mandela arrives in Britain tonight on a mission to turn his personal legend to economic advantage for South Africa.

The four-day state visit is seen as the beginning of a swansong by the African National Congress leader who, at 78 next month, appears to be focusing on ceremonial duties as he prepares for retirement.

Buckingham Palace has struggled to meet hundreds of requests for invitations to meet a man who spent 27

years in jail before being elected South Africa's first black president in 1994. Universities have fallen over themselves to award honorary degrees, and Parliament has accorded him the rare privilege of an address in 900-year-old Westminster Hall.

The visit has special significance given President Mandela's international standing, and it will set the seal on our relations with South Africa," a Buckingham Palace spokesman said.

Mr Mandela's journeys this week to Britain and France are expected to be followed by visits to Israel and Russia as he gradually eases executive

authority in South Africa to his deputy, Thabo Mbeki.

Although a large proportion of foreign investment lost in the sanctions years has been recovered, and Britain has resumed its position as the leading trading partner, there is anxiety in Pretoria that foreign enthusiasm for the South African "miracle" is beginning to falter.

The hope is that Mr Mandela will be able to give fresh impetus to international support for his country's economy — specifically in negotiations for favourable access to European Union markets.

Like all state visits, his will be heavy on pomp and ceremony. But Mr Mandela has also insisted on humble touches, including a tour of Brixton, south London — home to one of the capital's

biggest black communities. Meanwhile, instead of hosting a return banquet for the Queen, he has invited her to lunch at the Dorchester.

Mr Mandela said in a BBC television interview aired on Sunday that he would be "among his best friends in the world" in Britain, and was looking forward to staying at Buckingham Palace.

"It is a long way from the country villages in which I was born and brought up, but fortunately I will be in the company of a very gracious lady, Her Majesty the Queen."

"I will be upset by the splendour of the palace, I am sure she is the type of lady who will put any country boy at rest," he said with the modesty that has made him one of the world's most popular leaders.

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"Marquise will describe before he with a flourish... an advocate of democracy just like us... Britain need as complete check on the job. It appears by itself whereas it should copying more and more."

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## News in brief

### Assassin appeals against conviction

THE MAN jailed for life for the assassination of the former Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, yesterday appealed to the supreme court to overturn his murder conviction.

Lawyers for Yigal Amir, aged 23, argued that evidence suggested another gunman was involved in the November attack. Amir had admitted shooting Mr Rabin at a peace rally and an amateur video recording showed him firing three shots. Two bullets felled Rabin and a third wounded his bodyguard.

Defence lawyer Gabi Shahar told the three judges that Amir had placed nine bullets in his clip before setting out for the rally. After his arrest, police discovered eight bullets in his pistol. "We're saying that these facts point to at least a reasonable doubt that the death of Mr Rabin was caused by the appellant [Amir]," Mr Shahar said. He also pointed out that ballistics experts had testified at the trial that Mr Rabin was killed from a distance of between 10 inches and point-blank range while the tape showed that Amir was not that close.

Another defence lawyer argued that Mr Amir had intended only to paralyse Rabin. Shmuel Fleishman told the court Amir did not have the capacity to decide between right and wrong and asked the court to reduce the murder conviction to a lesser charge of manslaughter. — *Reuters, Jerusalem.*

### Gunmen kill 11 in Kashmir

A GROUP of suspected Muslim separatist militants shot dead at least 11 migrant workers in India's Jammu and Kashmir state, police said yesterday.

The workers from other northern Indian states were killed on Saturday night as they slept in the village of Patakote in Kupwara district. The motive for the killings was not immediately clear but police say Kashmiri militants often target people they suspect of being government informers.

The massacre took place a few hours after the Indian prime minister, H. D. Deve Gowda, ended a visit to Kashmir, where his government wants to hold early state assembly polls. Dozens of separatist groups, either fighting for independence from India or a merger with Pakistan, have opposed elections. Mr Deve Gowda has called a meeting in New Delhi today of the leaders of all parties to discuss the dates for elections. — *Reuters, Srinagar.*

### Actor's death still a mystery

MYSTERY still surrounds the death in Los Angeles of the Oscar-winning Cambodian actor, Eang Ngor, and it is possible that a murder case will be dismissed.

Later this month three Chinese gang members are due to face murder and robbery charges in a preliminary hearing, but detectives have not recovered the gun used in the February killing or a Rolex watch and gold chain said to have been stolen. The three teenagers have admitted to being in the area and on drugs at the time of Dr Ngor's death but deny killing him. Meanwhile, speculation surrounds Dr Ngor's anti-Khmer Rouge history in Cambodia. He was captured and tortured by the rebels, who also killed his wife. The prime minister of Cambodia, Hun Sen, has publicly blamed the Khmer Rouge for his death.

Doubts about the robbery persist because neither \$3,000 Dr Ngor had in a jacket pocket nor his Mercedes Benz car were stolen, despite the fact that the Chinese gang specialises in car-jackings. — *Christopher Reed, Los Angeles.*

### Albanians to form coalition

THE Albanian president, Sali Berisha, who is under fire from the West after a general election widely criticised as unfair, said yesterday he would invite some opposition parties to join the new government.

"We are for a coalition government. We are ready to offer portfolios to them [but] first they have to express their will to participate," he said before meeting central and eastern European leaders in Salzburg.

Mr Berisha asked Aleksander Meksi of the ruling Democratic Party on Saturday to form a new government. The Democrats hold 121 seats in the 140-seat legislature.

The president said his Democratic Party was talking to three small opposition parties in the new parliament, but not the key Socialists, who refuse to accept the 10 seats they won in the election, which they denounced as a sham. — *Reuters, Salzburg.*



Sporting chance... A fighting bull rounds a corner as a fallen man takes cover during the first bull run of the San Fermin festival in Pamplona, Spain. PHOTOGRAPH: SANTIAGO LYON

### Turin Shroud old as Christ

TWO scientists at Turin University say the shadow of an ancient copper coin overturns the results of tests showing that the Turin Shroud is a medieval fake dating from between 1260 and 1390.

If their findings are confirmed, then the Shroud, a linen sheet traditionally supposed to have been used to wrap Christ's body after the crucifixion, may very well date from around the time of Christ's death. The Shroud bears the imprint of a man's face and his wounded body. After several months' study, the two Turin scientists claim to have revealed the imprint of the coin, a lepton, on the linen above the left eyebrow of the face.

The coin bears the date of the 16th year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, which corresponds to 29 AD, around the date that Christ is supposed to have died. — *John Glover, Milan.*



Honoured guest... President Jacques Chirac greets Saudi officials before a dinner at the palace of King Fahd in Jeddah yesterday. The French president, on a two-day official visit to Saudi Arabia, urged Israel to reveal whether it intends to pursue the Middle East peace process, warning that uncertainty encouraged political violence. PHOTOGRAPH: JEROME DELAY

## Government tries to stall foreign intervention to end ethnic killings

### OAU to focus on Burundi

Chris McGreal in Bujumbura

BURUNDI is expected to top the agenda of the annual summit of the Organisation of African Unity in Cameroon today, despite the government's efforts to backtrack on an agreement to allow foreign troops to attempt to break the cycle of ethnic massacres.

A fortnight ago, Burundi's Tutsi prime minister, Antoine Nduwayo, and the largely powerless Hutu president, Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, bowed to pressure from other East African leaders and "invited" what was euphemistically described as security assistance. Tanzania, Uganda and Ethiopia were among African countries offering to send troops. The United States has offered logistical support and financing.

But Mr Nduwayo's own party accused him of high treason over the deal, and he

then tried to shift responsibility to the president.

"We need to look for alternative solutions. Foreign soldiers would violate our sovereignty," the prime minister told one protest against intervention.

An estimated 150,000 people have died in three years of turmoil since the assassination by Tutsi soldiers of Burundi's first president elected by the Hutu majority.

The Tutsi political and military elites has been trying to use nationalism to whip up sentiment against intervention, fearing that an occupation force will impose a political solution at its expense.

The prime minister's party, the mainly Tutsi Uprona which is the real power in the coalition government, even went so far as to issue a thinly veiled call for a coup.

Regional powers, led by Tanzania, had hoped to have a proposal on intervention ready to submit for approval to the OAU summit. But Burundi is saying it will be at

least another week before it has assessed its position.

Mr Nduwayo will continue to face pressure from Burundi's neighbours, who fear the war could spill across their borders. He and his colleagues bowed to regional pressure after months of rejecting foreign troops, amid escalating violence and an economy badly hit by the war and the suspension in March of all but emergency aid.

Beside the objections within Burundi, the region's leaders still have to decide on the size, composition and, most importantly, the mandate of an intervention force.

When not addressing hardliners at demonstrations, Mr Nduwayo has said he believes foreign troops will have a mandate to use force to protect civilians.

"I think it is very delicate because we have said it [an intervention force] wouldn't come to fight either side, but if the population is being attacked, they [foreign soldiers] will have to react," he said.

Even if a plan for armed intervention is agreed, it will, at best, provide a breathing space in which to try to find a political solution. Besides overcoming mounting bitterness, any settlement will have to ease tremendous fears to balance the democratic rights of the Hutu majority while guaranteeing the security of the Tutsi minority.

"I don't think it's impossible but the real problem is the ideology of genocide that's been developed for years here, as well as in Rwanda," Mr Nduwayo said. "We need to have a system in which the ethnic groups can really feel safe and blossom together."

African foreign ministers adopted a draft resolution recommending that the OAU decide whether Liberian civil war faction leaders should face a United Nations war crimes tribunal. Whether to press for prosecution will depend on an assessment by the Economic Community of West African States next month.

## Afghans dodge dangers of war

Landmines do not deter civilians from scouring the ruins. Gerald Bourke reports from Kabul

ABDUL WASEH'S teams have been working since 6am. Two of his men work their way down a narrow road between ruined houses in the area of Khushal Mena. War has turned the once affluent Kabul suburb into a wasteland.

As if diving, one of the men steers a metal detector over the road. The other, alerted to something underground, prods the earth.

It has taken them six weeks to make 160 metres of the roadside safe. In the process, they have unearthed thousands of metal fragments, mostly spent bullets and shrapnel shards, and dozens of anti-personnel mines.

For two years until January 1995, Khushal Mena was a no man's land, fought over by rival Sunni and Shia factions — bit players in a wider war for the Afghan capital.

Even at the height of their exchanges of artillery and machine-gun fire, fighters from both sides would sneak into Khushal Mena, lay mines and booby traps, then retreat behind their lines.

After the Shias were routed 18 months ago, the Halo Trust, a British charity specialising in the removal of mines and unexploded ordnance, moved in. Thousands of civilians also came. Some were former residents hoping to salvage something of their former lives. Others came from the city's growing army of human scavengers.

Within the first week there were 585 mine victims," Dr Hosayyan Farid, Halo's director in Kabul, says. Since then the toll has diminished considerably, thanks to awareness campaigns by Halo and other organisations.

But even the presence of de-

mining teams does not deter some residents. Mr Waseh gestures to an elderly man to leave the area his team is clearing. "He'll be back once we finish for the day. When we're working, we can tell them to stay away. After we're gone, it's a free for all."

Despite billboards warning of the dangers, the body believed hidden in abandoned homes turns the minefield into a magnet for scavengers.

While mines are generally more likely to maim than kill, booby traps scattered across Khushal Mena are far more deadly.

"There's one," Mr Waseh says, pointing to a strand of wire stretched across a chunk of broken concrete at the entrance to a devastated house.

An electronically controlled device recently defused by his team consisted of an anti-personnel mine rigged to an anti-tank mine wired to a rocket connected to a bomb.

If booby traps rarely spare their victims, mines are more discriminating. Momin Rahman, aged 12, was caught in gunfire between marauding gangs in Khushal Mena. As he ran for cover, he stepped on a mine which blew off his ankle and drove metal into his leg.

Doctors amputated his leg just below the knee and fitted an artificial one. Until he reaches adulthood, Momin will need a new artificial limb every six months. Seven months after the accident, he is still traumatised. Like the tens of thousands of other amputees in Kabul, his prospects are bleak.

"If there is peace, he may have some sort of future," a physiotherapist says. "He's on a road that could lead anywhere."

According to the International Committee of the Red Cross, Kabul is the most mined capital in the world. The two factions that fought for Khushal Mena have agreed a peace of sorts, but the war for the city grinds on, with more mines being sown.

Dr Farid says: "We clear one field and another sprouts a few miles away."

## Author spied for apartheid police

David Beresford in Johannesburg

ONE of South Africa's emerging literary talents, Mark Behr, who defied the National Party government as a student leader during the apartheid era, has disclosed he was a police agent.

The author of the novel *The Smell of Apples* said yesterday that he had worked for the security police for more than four years in the late 1980s. He then turned double agent, supplying the ANC with intelligence.

Mr Behr, aged 32, was the first "leftwinger" elected to the students' representative council at Stellenbosch University.

He incurred the apparent wrath of President F. W. de Klerk in 1989 by taking the Nationalist-controlled SRC to Lusaka to meet the then banned ANC. But he had cleared the trip with the police as a move to enhance his credibility in the anti-apartheid community.

He said yesterday that he was forced to leave Stellenbosch when the National Intelligence Service and Military Intelligence threatened to blow his cover, on the grounds that his leftwing activities at Stellenbosch were becoming counter-productive.

Most of the students who had accompanied him to Lusaka for talks with the party on their return.

Mr Behr disclosed his

role at an artists' conference in Cape Town. "Today I begin a public confrontation with that fear of shame that induces silence as it feeds relentlessly on its own juices," he said.

Mr Behr said he had been recruited by a relative who was a general in the South African police.

Four white South Africans, held for nine months by the Angolan rebel force Unita, returned to Pretoria yesterday and recanted "confessions" that they were mercenaries.

The four — Steven Jonker, aged 26, Francois Cloete, aged 32, Stephanus van Rensburg, aged 28, and Andrew Fraser, aged 50 — said they had been coerced into making their statements at a press conference.



Mark Behr: His activities became counter-productive

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# UN digs up Bosnia war crimes site



One year after Srebrenica's fall, forensic investigators are gathering evidence for The Hague trial. Julian Berger reports from Cerska

**F**ORENSIC investigators from the United Nations used a mechanical digger to remove the topsoil from a remote northern Bosnian hillside yesterday as work began to exhume thousands of victims of last year's Srebrenica massacre. The use of an industrial-size digger reflects the scale of the task. In what is probably the worst atrocity Europe has witnessed since the second world war, Bosnian Serb separatists are thought to have executed most of the 6,000-strong adult male population of Srebrenica after they overran the Muslim enclave a year ago this week. The exhumation of bodies is expected to take three months and will concentrate on 12 suspected mass graves. It began on a stifling hot afternoon yesterday as a dozen hired Serb labourers cleared undergrowth from a hillside beside a dirt track near the hamlet of Cerska, 19 miles north-west of Srebrenica. The seven-ton digger manoeuvred down the slope and began scooping away the topsoil. The area had earlier been checked for mines by Norwegian sappers. Tribunal investigators — working from the testimony of survivors — found the remains of four bodies when they dug three small exploratory holes at the Cerska site in May. They have no doubt it is a mass grave and believe they will find many more bodies this week. "I'm confident we'll get to

the evidence that's there," said William Haglund, one of the UN team. The UN hired Serb labourers from the Sarajevo area to do much of the manual work. The workers walked up the dirt track to Cerska carrying hoes, spades, and picks, and pushing wheelbarrows. They refused to talk to the press and remonstrated with photographers. Many Bosnian Serbs view collaboration with The Hague tribunal as treachery. Experts from the independent forensic group Physicians for Human Rights found spent bullet casings on the dirt road. UN investigators believe Muslim prisoners, caught last July while trying to flee Srebrenica, were lined up on the roadside, shot and pushed into pits in the embankment below. Eyewitness accounts and satellite photographs at the time suggest similar mass executions occurred north and west of Srebrenica. More Srebrenica Muslims were killed in ambushes as they tried to escape to government-held territory, and left to rot where they fell. In a separate UN initiative yesterday, a Finnish-led team began removing those bodies from a hillside near Kravice, seven miles north of Srebrenica. About 20 US soldiers, sweltering in full battle dress, accompanied the 15 investigators to Cerska in five light armoured vehicles, armed with machine-guns and anti-tank rockets. Daniel Zajac, the US major



Hills of death... Finnish team members near Kravice remove the remains of Muslims shot while fleeing Srebrenica last year. PHOTOGRAPH: ODD ANDERSEN

commanding this "liaison" detachment, said Bosnian Serb forces did not attempt to interfere. The human remains exhumed around Srebrenica will be transported in refrigerated trucks to the Bosnian government-held town of Tuzla, where they will be examined in a special morgue. Three thousand men from Srebrenica are known to have been killed. The missing 3,000 are presumed dead. The remains recovered in the next three months are expected to provide ample evidence of atrocities, but it is unlikely that many of the remains will be identified. There is no ante-mortem data

base — dental and medical records, descriptions and DNA samples from relatives — necessary to have a fair chance of identifying the bodies. A report by Physicians for Human Rights earlier this year said that exhumation of corpses before an ante-mortem database has been compiled would significantly

reduce the long-term possibility of identification. Humanitarian workers in the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) have also questioned The Hague tribunal's need to exhume all the bodies in the Srebrenica mass graves. ICRC staff argue there is already a mountain of evidence

of war crimes after the fall of Srebrenica. The main bottleneck in the tribunal's work has been the refusal of the Bosnian Serbs to hand over suspects like their leader, Radovan Karadzic, and their military boss, General Ratko Mladic — and Nato's reluctance to pursue them.

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## Kinkel urges arrest warrant for Serb leaders

Ian Traynor in Bonn

**K**LAUS KINKEL, the German foreign minister, called at the weekend for international arrest warrants for the indicted Bosnian Serb leaders, Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, following last week's hearing in The Hague detailing their alleged complicity in the slaughter of thousands of Bosnian Muslim men at Srebrenica last summer. "The weight of evidence against Karadzic and Mladic grows more overwhelming every day," Mr Kinkel said. "The massacres, mass rapes and mass mutilation of innocent people may not go unpunished."

In an interview published yesterday, Volker Rube, the German defence minister, went further, arguing that the two alleged war criminals were the biggest threats to the success of the Dayton peace process, and that Nato troops should seize them. "The international community can't be led around by the nose any longer. Karadzic and Mladic should be before a court," Mr Rube said. "If there's no other way, the I-For troops have to arrest them."

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# Moscow breaches deal on Chechen checkpoints

James Mook in Moscow

**R**USSIA breached one of the most important conditions of its truce with rebels in Chechnya yesterday when it failed to dismantle the fortified checkpoints which control movement around the breakaway republic. The resurgent crisis in Chechnya is one in a long list of unresolved problems facing Boris Yeltsin as he comes down to earth after last week's election victory. Some separatist fighters warned that they would begin attacking Russian troops again if the checkpoints were not removed. But a spokesman for government forces said the rebels had never stopped fighting and kidnapping their men. Under the terms of the preliminary peace deal, hastily signed last month to appease voters before the election, all

checkpoints were to have been removed by yesterday. But a spokesman for government forces in Chechnya, Colonel Roman Sokolovsky, said that only four of the 32 remaining checkpoints would be dismantled. He blamed the rebels. "So far they haven't fulfilled a single point of the agreement signed," he said. Col Sokolovsky said two Russian soldiers were kidnapped on Friday and had not been released. Despite the truce, and the heavily publicised withdrawal of an infantry regiment from the combat zone, Russian soldiers went on dying throughout the election campaign and government forces continued to use artillery against areas suspected of harbouring rebels. At the weekend, a Russian interior ministry officer was fatally stabbed in the throat by unknown attackers near a Chechen village. And yesterday in the capital, Grozny, a

## Thousands evacuated in Siberian flood havoc

**H**EAVY rains in Siberia led to flooding which has caused more than £150,000 worth of damage in the Irkutsk region, the Interfax news agency reported yesterday. About 5,000 homes and several schools and hospitals have been damaged or destroyed in the flooding

during the past few days, according to Interfax. Dozens of bridges and electric power substations were also damaged, as were crops over an area of 16,000 acres, Russian authorities said. The flood peaked on Thursday and most of the more than 2,200 people who

were evacuated had returned to their homes yesterday. Damage was estimated by the Russian emergency situations ministry at 1,370 billion roubles (about £180,000). Irkutsk is 2,600 miles south of the Russian capital, Moscow. — AP.

## Nato to upgrade links with Russia

John Palmer in Brussels

**B**UOYED by Boris Yeltsin's victory in the presidential election, Nato is planning to offer Russia what amounts to political membership of the Atlantic alliance. Nato leaders plan to go ahead with the policy of enlarging the alliance to central Europe and the Balkans, but they will also upgrade Russia's "special relationship" with Nato. "When you look at the areas of potentially very close partnership we can develop together, it really would amount to a kind of political membership," a senior Nato source said. At present the concept of a purely political membership of Nato does not exist. All member states have to accept a collective security commitment, which could involve them in the defence of any member state subject to aggression. Russia's political membership, however, would not involve it signing article 5, which embodies the collective security commitment. Nevertheless, Moscow would become an equal partner with Nato member states in wider decisions concerning European and global security. Alliance leaders believe this is possible partly because of the successful partnership between Russia and Nato in the I-for peace enforcement mission in Bosnia. The Nato secretary-general, Javier Solana, said last week: "Nato and Russia share joint responsibilities for European security. We must build upon our success in working together in Bosnia." Senior Russian military commanders have been attached to Nato's military headquarters in Belgium for some months, and Moscow has agreed to accept Nato off-

icers into its military planning staff. Although the Russian government still opposes any Nato expansion, it now appears to accept the probability that the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia will be invited to join either at the end of this year or next spring. The likely accession of Slovenia — confirmed by the US defence secretary, William Perry, during his visit to Ljubljana last week — would mean an expansion of the alliance into the Balkan region for the first time. Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania, which have also applied for membership, will not be part of the first wave of central European members due to doubts about their democratic records and internal disputes about their intentions to join Nato. Denmark and Norway are among Nato members pressing the claims of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, but other members believe this would be too great a provocation to the Russian military and nationalists in the government. "In the case of countries in central Europe and the Balkans which join Nato, they will be full members with all the rights and obligations which that entails," a Nato official said. "What we are talking about with Russia is rather different but very important. It will give the Russians a real sense of joint partnership with Nato in ensuring the security and stability of Europe as a whole." Russia has signed up to Nato's Partnership for Peace but its government has yet to agree the details of its participation. Before the presidential election, Moscow asked Nato for a "partnership pact", which is likely to be a foundation for its effective political membership of the alliance.

# Mosquitoes shun big hunt

Jon Henley in Helsinki

**T**HE environmentalists are delighted, but 30 slap-happy Finns, a brace of Swedes and a lone Norwegian already in training in the bug-infested wilds of Lapland are devastated: an unseasonal shortage of insects has wiped the fifth world mosquito-killing championships off next weekend's agenda. "It's a catastrophe," said Kai Salmijarvi, one of the organisers in the remote Arctic village of Pelkosenniemi. "No one can understand it. Normally there are millions of the damn things. Half the competitors plan their summer holidays around this — they're not happy at all."

Mr Salmijarvi had to overcome opposition from animal rights groups to the event, which requires contestants to strip to the waist, await the whine of mosquitoes and then thrack as many as they can in five minutes. Sprays, nets and swats are banned. The mangled insects are submitted to a six-strong jury to determine whether they are the genuine article, and genuinely dead. "Mosquitoes are very cunning," Mr Salmijarvi explained. "Sometimes they fake it." Last year's contest netted 360 squashed mosquitoes. The winner, Harri Pellonpaa, a student aged 17, killed 21 — more than three times the previous record. This year he had been practicing since early June in the hope of bettering his tally. Mr Salmijarvi said, "It's very sad for him," he added. "All we can say is we're now applying for a grant to find out where all the mosquitoes have gone." But Pirikko Luukkonen of Lapland's nature league, while admitting losing a few hundred mosquitoes couldn't endanger the species, said the contest should never have been allowed. "We were very disappointed that the environment ministry turned down our request to ban it last year. Now it seems the cold summer has done our work for us. I'm no fan of mosquitoes, but killing them shouldn't be turned into a sport. They have enough enemies as it is."

President Yeltsin's new national security adviser, met rebel representatives outside Grozny to prepare for a visit by the former general. Interfax news agency quoted "informed sources" as saying the emissary, Sergei Drogush, was also expected to meet the rebel military commander, Aslan Maskhadov. During the election campaign, Gen Lebed urged a radical solution to a conflict which has killed tens of thousands and created hundreds of thousands of refugees since Russian troops entered Chechnya in December 1994. He called for a tightly controlled border to be drawn around the southern part of Chechnya, the evacuation of ethnic Russians, and a referendum in that area on its future status. Gen Lebed is expected to meet today with the Russian prime minister, Victor Chernomyrdin, and members of the federal peace delegation.

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Labour plays shadow boxing
Avoiding the tough choices

IN AN ideal world a small majority of the Shadow Cabinet — a dozen, maybe — would be elected by MPs, so that the Labour Party leader would then be able to choose the remaining members of his team himself.

But this is not an ideal world. Instead, Labour is gearing itself up for a ritual internal battle about whether to hold an election, even though most MPs accept that the results will not bind Tony Blair's hands if and when he comes to select a Labour Cabinet.

The really important question which lies behind the dilemma about the Shadow Cabinet elections is whether all those who are successful in them will automatically get the Cabinet posts to which the party's constitution would appear to entitle them.

Edward Heath at 80
The best ex-premier we ever had

SIR Patrick Mayhew, whose retirement from Parliament at the next general election was announced yesterday, is 86 years old. Some time next year, a beneficiary of the unwritten constitutional convention under which all former Cabinet ministers are entitled to be enobled, he will take his place in the House of Lords.

Compare and contrast Sir Edward Heath, 80 years old tomorrow and once again a Conservative candidate at the next general election, just as he has been (and successful every time) at the previous 13. If ever a man was entitled to retire to almost universal applause, it is Sir Edward.

Sir Edward's Oxford contemporaries, Lord Healey and Lord Jenkins, are frequently mentioned on the list of best Prime Ministers we never had. Sir Edward was not a particularly successful PM, but he is without a challenger as this country's best ex-Prime Minister.

Old Tory; New Depths



Letters to the Editor

Drawing morals from Carey

THE Archbishop of Canterbury is right when he insists that every community has to accept and honour the rules of decent society (Moral Crusade by Carey, July 6), but we shall not achieve this by hammering people and their children with formal Christianity.

For most important aspects of human behaviour "there is no law". Laws help to enforce a sort of morality, but are incapable of defining it. John Weaver, 13 Tower Drive, Neath Hill, Milton Keynes MK14 6HX.

New Labour's road runs through a new co-operative Europe

NEW Labour's Road To The Manifesto is paved with laudable intentions. Unfortunately there is an insurmountable roadblock labelled "International competitiveness", and regrettably the party can't even see it.

Hot and cold in Chiantishire

IS IT possible that Mortimer's "love" of Chiantishire (Sweaty socks in the sun-dried shires, July 6) simply consisted of consuming the nice weather and the wine? Once we have the climate up here in South-east England, global warming can turn Italy into a desert and John couldn't care less.



England's kilty conscience

I WOULD respectfully like to correct Michael Forsyth and Her Majesty the Queen (Stones of Scone going home, July 4). The Stone of Destiny is not Her Majesty's property, it belongs to the Scottish people from whom it was stolen.

A Country Diary

THE LAKE DISTRICT: Many years ago I wrote, rather cheekily, that the walk up Great Gable from Honister Pass would be a suitably gentle walk for octogenarians. Now, as I approach my late eighties, I'm not so sure.

Floating the concept of a boat on a motorway

The trickle-down theory — by which the rich justify their benefit to a certain way to benefit the poor — had Galbraith solemnly announced, been superseded by a new metaphor. I should concentrate my mind on "the horse and sparrow principle", an irrefutable argument in favour of increasing inequality.

motorists, down the M40. We were following what I eventually took to be a trawler. The ship, whatever its type, was on massive transporter and accompanied by a police car.

and collective efficiency by producing cheap travel or if they reduce both these conditions by slowing down the other traffic. And we never even think about the consequences when employing the cheapest contractors to repair our roads.

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

THE story which follows reveals me as a true cynic, but it is true and I tell it as the introduction to a political parable. The hero of the parable is a man who, after RH Tawney, has more allegories to his name than any other philosopher this century — John Kenneth Galbraith, who is also the laziest radical thinker of his generation.

The Shadow Cabinet should be forced to drive down the M40 behind a trawler on a transporter

whoever owned the boat was promoting his own best commercial interests by sending it along the inland route. The belief of businessmen in what is best for business has never seemed wholly convincing to me since BSA, once the pride of the Spargbrook constituency, decided that high-powered motorcycles would

Endpiece

I used to believe that it was because they are incalculable that such costs were regarded as of no consequence. Treasury accounting pays no regard to the intangible — real though it often is. Now, I am not sure that conventional thinking is the difficulty. The real problem is collective failure of self-interested propaganda which is disseminated by businessmen. Before Labour's final manifesto is written, the entire national executive and Shadow Cabinet should be forced to drive down the M40 behind a trawler on a transporter and consider the parable of the ship that should have gone by sea.

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Bosnia Diary

Paddy Ashdown

DUSAN points to a mound of earth, artfully hidden among the trees. "We shot at you from here." A year ago, Dusan was in the Serbian army, besieging Sarajevo...

Right-on to hand over if you've had it

Commentary Mark Lawson

IT is said that much of the work of Manhattan psychoanalysts involves people traumatised by their inability to understand the cartoons in the New Yorker...

pliss-up in a brewery was used as the visual comparison for running the Lottery. Equally, Abbey National's advertisements this week for its new "Millennium" bond...

revealed in an interview last week ("Yuk! I don't miss that") that the scores can no longer call on her. Consider, too, that an act of sexual intercourse requires two participants and so 30 million Britons...

newspaper quantity-of-banking surveys from every nation of the world?

In fact, the more closely the advertisement is examined, the more bizarre it becomes. Its lurid arithmetic of international shagging appears one page before the magazine's lonely hearts ad...

Its lurid arithmetic of international shagging appears one page before the lonely hearts

used and problematic body of knowledge: ad facts, statements which hope to hook the eye without engaging the brain. There's another one...

The Olympian shape of thighs to come



Ros Coward

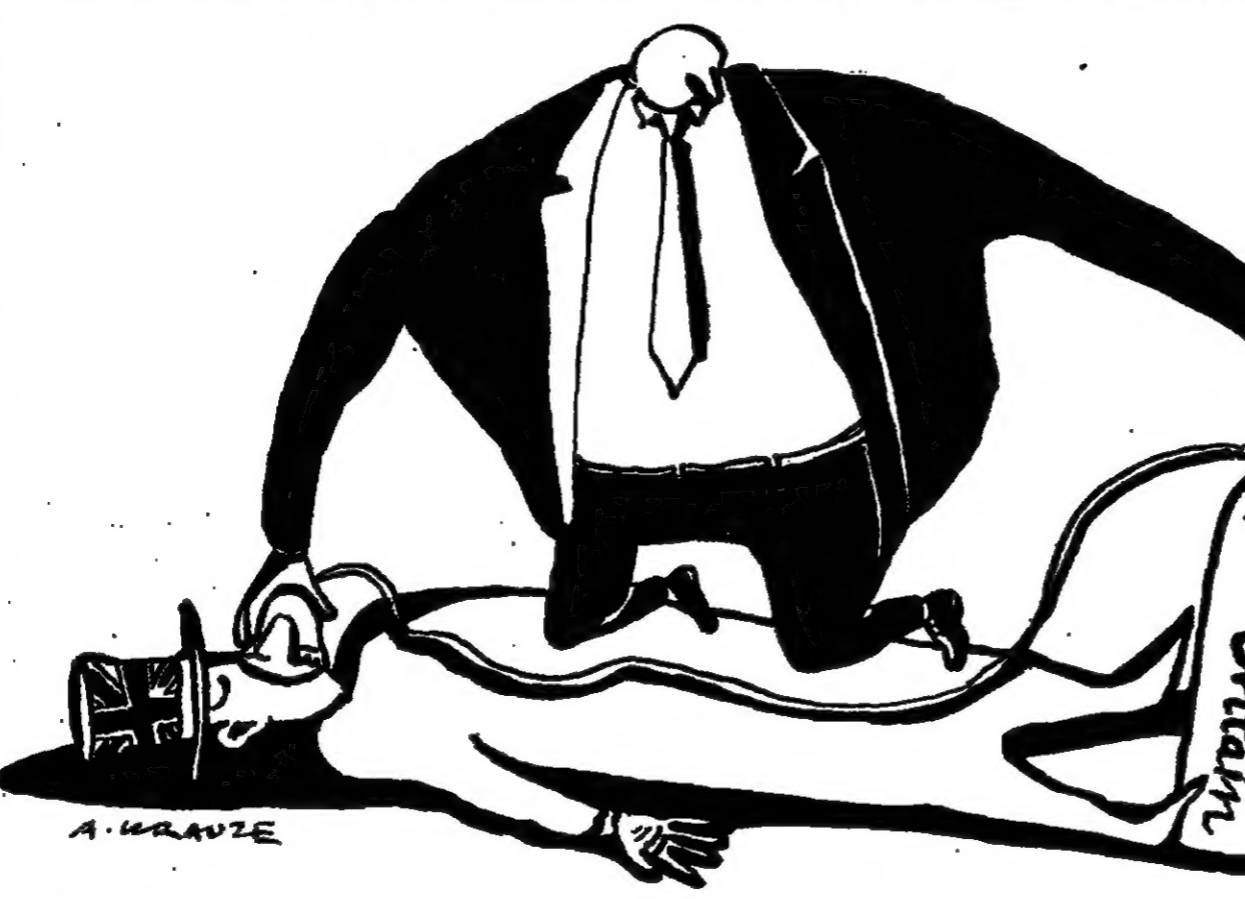
THE big news at the Atlanta Olympics is the extraordinary change in women's participation. Research published in the Journal Nature suggests that on current showing, women may soon out-perform the men in endurance events...

extraordinary, almost homoerotic, hymn to men as bearers of heroism and skill, as if only men had access to the highs and lows of sport's "universal feelings". In such a context women's sports look not so much on the last leg towards equality as on their last legs.

Today Dusan leads a small group of Serbs, who resisted the propaganda on his own side and the fears of the other, and decided to stay in the city. Alan is committed to protecting their rights.

There will be intimidation; though probably less than was feared. There will be vote rigging; though perhaps not at the margin. By the rigorous standards of the rest of Europe, these elections will be flawed.

First of all, we must decide soon to replace E.F.O. Each side and every Bosnian political party agrees, as does every military commander and international official I spoke to.



John Gray suggests that Labour's pre-manifesto document shows how the modernisation of social democracy will mean cultivating a new form of capitalism

Revival of reforms

LABOUR'S pre-manifesto document, New Labour, New Life For Britain, published last Thursday, marks the end of the new right's hold on British political debate.

The old left thinking which the document targets for criticism is the social democratic thinking of a generation or a decade ago. That is the point of the prominent and repeated references to tough new rules for public spending and borrowing.

of the task that Labour will confront in power. Contrary to the caricature of the old left and the new right, the economic philosophy it expresses is not at all Thatcherism with a human face.

But will these policies be enough? The economic culture that Labour stands to inherit is one that has been relentlessly reshaped in accord with new right theories to replicate an American model.

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Kenneth Jameson

Art for the heart's sake

KENNETH Jameson, who has died aged 69, was a passionate teacher of art he devoted most of his life to promoting the place of art in education and in emotional development. He saw drawing both as a language and as a tool to develop observation, which could help sustain the enquiring aspect of children.

primary school teachers and many parents were quickly followed by Junior School Art, which dealt with children's art in the 8-11 year age range. These books led to him lecturing for the Pre-School Playgroups Association and to Merry-go-round, a six part BBC television series on art for children.

Matima Mpiooso

Music under African skies

MATIMA Mpiooso, who has died aged 47, was a guitarist and director of the Zairean group, Zaiko Langa Langa. Zaire provides the yardstick of all African music and in 1970, Zaiko created the new soukous music. Matima Mpiooso composed many hits including Kinshasa (Kinshasa Mpiooso).

sees triumphs began with a 1978 Ghanaian tour. In the late 1980s, a Japanese tour generated a craze for Zairean music and led to the Nippon Banzai album, which he directed. The group visited Europe every year. In 1989 Matima co-produced the group's most accomplished album, Jasez L'Esponge. In the last three years, many of Zaiko's hits have been released on CD.

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A new and lifelike Egyptian cinema... Salah Abou Seif's Raya Wa Sakina

Salah Abou Seif

Egypt's real master

WITHIN the Arab world, the Egyptian cinema has always dominated the screen because of its prolific production of mass audience films, many of them romantic melodramas and musicals using Bedouin or Ancient Egyptian settings.



Seif, right, director in action on location

In 1951, he collaborated with Naguib Mahfouz — one of Egypt's most important writers and later a Nobel prize-winner — on Your Day Will Come, a free adaptation of Theresia Raquin, Zola's novel of destructive sensual passion.

influenced by the older director and called Abou Seif "the most Egyptian film-maker". Mahfouz and Abou Seif wrote a further seven screenplays together, although the novelist refused to adapt his own work to the screen.

human density, the passion of Arab Muslim life to contradict its limited series of crude essentialised caricatures, and Arab films were seldom distributed outside region.

Dermot Grubb

Within these walls

DERMOT Grubb, who has died aged 76, was a prison governor who took his Quaker sense of purpose into Oxford, Bedford and Horfield prisons.

He was Dublin-born and never quite lost his Irish accent, although he was educated in England from the age of 12. He possessed a copy of Liddell Hart's TE Lawrence which had been inscribed by WE Auden, his teacher at Downes School.

He was supported by the Quaker meeting, its worship and network of practical help. He always involved the community in the prison's work, while running an efficient organisation with precise attention to detail. He then governed Bedford Prison, which was his last post.

Birthdays

Judy Allen, children's writer, 55; Jon Bannenberg, yacht designer, 67; Dr Robert Barnes, metallurgist, 72; Sir Robin Biggam, chief executive, BICC, 68; Prof Martin Carver, archaeologist, 55; Dame Mary Corsar, chairman, WRVS, 69; Prof Lord Dervaird, professor of company and commercial law, Edinburgh University, 61; June Dixon-Millar, founder and director, National Centre for Cued Speech for the Deaf, 61; Leslie East, publishing director, Neville and Co, 47; Lord (Jan) Gilmore, former Conservative minister, 70; Bruce Gynell, group managing director, Yorkshire Tyne-Tees Television, 67; Brian Hitchcock, editor, the Daily Star, 66; Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Conservative MP, 72; Dr Peter Knight, vice-chancellor, University of Central England in Birmingham, 48; Steve Lawrence, singer, 61; Pauline Quirke, actress, 37; The Rt Rev Derek Rawcliffe, assistant bishop, Ripon, 78; Ron Fuxlin, jazz musician, 63; Walter Scheel, former president, West Germany, 77; Sir Roy Shaw, writer and critic, 78; Brian Walden, broadcaster, former Labour MP, 64.

Letter

WILDE writes: If Ian Katz's Margaret Fleming obituary (July 3) had been commissioned to lampoon the egotistic excess it couldn't have been worse. Veronica Horwell's ensuing observations emphasised that Hemingway had good years, successes, a pioneer in the modelling world. Women are bored with hairy grunt-journalism.

Appreciation

Greek classic myth

THE night Andreas Papatheou died (obituary June 24), I was having dinner with his family. As he lay on his deathbed, his ex-wife Margaret and his four children discussed the strange and elusive personality of the former prime minister, a virtuoso of the make-shift, a genius of contingency, who excelled at the sly game of modern statesmanship, its clandestine skirmishing and hidden pulling of strings.

Hours after the death, I asked his son Nick whether he felt that Andreas would now never re-enter Greek political life. "No," he replied. "My father was in so much pain towards the end of his life and under extreme pressure from his party. I feel that he has been liberated by death."

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In Memoriam

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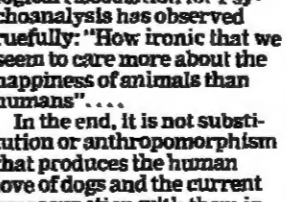
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THE DISCUSSION on mad cow disease has led to a lack of consumer confidence in France — on nothing like the British scale, but enough for the French agricultural lobby to roll its propaganda machine into action.

Dog tales

WHETHER leashed or unleashed in life, the dog roams at large in our cultural imagination. An abandoned dog can break our hearts in ways that human strays all too often no longer do. Yet, at the same time, the dog offers a kind of emotional and practical microclimate in which we can make manageable a host of problems that in other areas of life seem overwhelming or out of control: health insurance, day care, preschool, homelessness, depression, euthanasia.

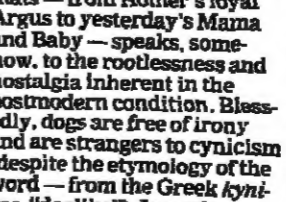
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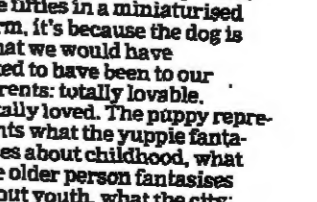
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Green class myth

Labour's fiscal severity may not look radical but it is realistic — thanks to Tory car boot sales

# Tax trap awaits whoever wins poll



Larry Elliott

WHEN it comes to fiscal policy, there is nothing remotely new about Labour. Gordon Brown is Stafford Cripps half a century on, threatening to be an avatar of austerity even before he moves into the Treasury. In fact, he promises to out-Cripps Cripps, because the Tories government funded increased NHS spending without compensating cuts elsewhere.

...sity for fiscal stringency is not one of them. The problem is simple. The Conservatives promised Britain a dynamic, entrepreneurial society in which we would all be like Richard Branson: instead they have created a car-boot-sale society in which the role model is Del Boy Trotter. And in a car-boot-sale society only plunkers pay tax.

1994 Budget, the Chancellor predicted that the PSBR for 1995-1998 would be £21.5 billion. It turned out to be £22.2 billion. The problem was not spending, where controls remained tight, but revenues, which were about £10 billion lower than forecast — which the Treasury believes is a structural phenomenon.

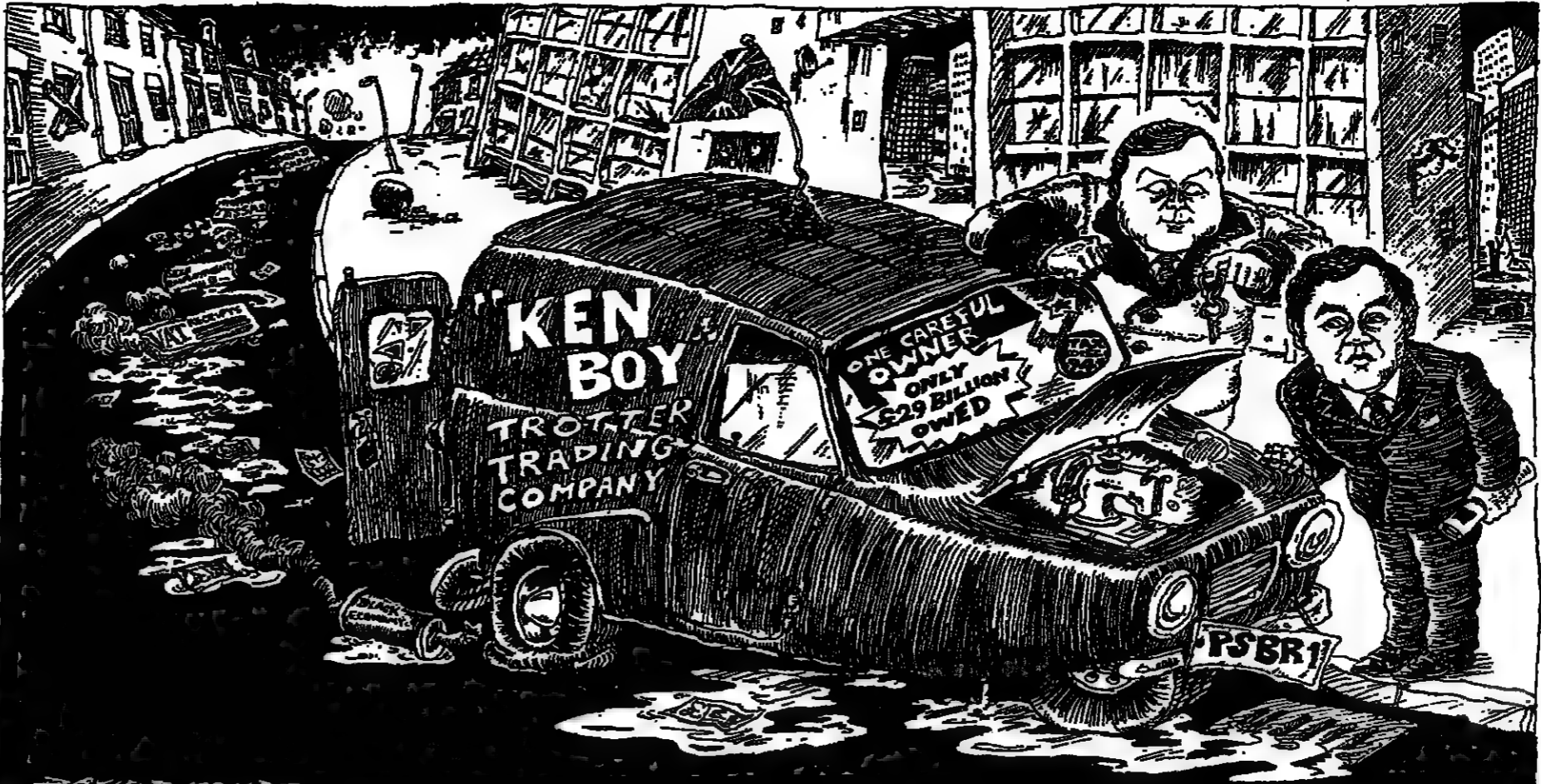
Second, the proliferation of tax-free savings schemes may be costing about £1 billion in forgone income tax. Third, 35 per cent of the work force is self-employed, against 30 per cent in the early 1980s. Self-employed people tend to pay less tax than those on PAYE.

Fourth, involuntary stock-piling caused by the slowdown in the economy is hitting the VAT, corporation tax and income tax base. The VAT, corporation tax and income tax were lower than they should have been, even allowing for the undershoot in nominal GDP.

Following an 80 per cent leap in 1994, had they matched the 1994 rate in corporation tax from industrial companies, GT would have been £1.5 billion higher.

City that there will be no tax giveaway and it will increase the chances of a pleasant surprise come Budget day.

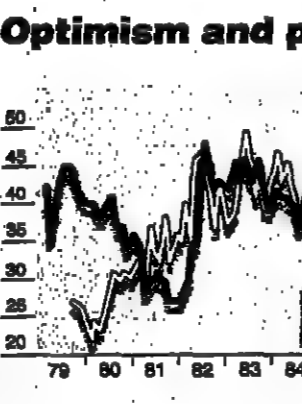
He may be able to cut taxes modestly, but only if revenues are buoyant and spending ministers show restraint. Even then, there would almost certainly have to be some jiggery-pokery to depress the spending totals for the arithmetic to stack up.



# Why F-words have lost their meaning

SOME people hate the phrase "feel-good factor". It has become overworked and, arguably, meaningless. Especially now that the two F-words have become seemingly glued to a third word, spawning the new term "shut-up feel-good factor".

There is evidence that a boost to national pride can lift the electoral performance of the government of the day, even leaving aside the Falklands War.



BRIEFING/As someone once said, anything can happen on the day. SARAH RYLE reports

progress. "Even before football fever gripped the media, there were fairly clear signs that consumer confidence was starting to pick up. Defeat at the hands of Germany in Euro 96 probably makes little difference to the buoyant outlook for consumer confidence over the next few months," says Messrs Stewart and Turnbull.

1995, weakness in the housing market and a growing perception of job insecurity to the list of reasons behind the breakdown.

Owen backed the view that the relationship has broken down since 1992 (see graph). He argued that the Conservatives can "no longer rely on increased consumer confidence, or lower base rates to engineer a re-election."

# Reasons not to invest in futures

## WORM'S EYE/Climate of fear is forecast by DAN ATKINSON

FOR those who found the Environment Secretary John Gummer's doom-laden greenhouse-effect predictions last week lacked a certain something, here is your cut out and keep guide to Apocalypse Soon(ish).

ence, ushering in a new 10th century, with plagues and outbreaks but without the plagues or outbreaks or illuminated manuscripts.

# Worship at free-market altar doesn't work

## DEBATE/Command industrial policy has proved successful in Taiwan, argues ROBERT WADE

DEBATES about economic policy in Britain and the United States generally focus on the trade-off between market driven efficiency and social goals secured by state intervention. The issue for both the left and the right is how much of one should be given up for the other.

South Korea and Japan has sought to create a "virtuous circle" between state interventions and markets. On one hand, state action helps guide market exchanges in line with a longer-term national interest beyond the concern of decentralised entrepreneurs.

plans, for example, resulting in higher levels of investment at little public cost. In the 1990s the thrust of Taiwan's industrial policy apparatus has been directed, at last, to environmental clean-up, Taiwan, like South Korea, shows a stark contrast between economic progress and environmental deterioration.

tion prevention and providing industry with subsidised technical assistance. And alongside this strategy, it is making intense efforts to promote 24 key, hi-tech and high value products in 10 "emerging industries", including semiconductors, precision machinery and aerospace.

As Britain slips steadily down the hierarchy of nations, domestic policy makers should pay close attention to the use of public power in East Asia. East Asia's experience shows that the issue in Britain is wrongly defined: not market-driven efficiency versus state-provided welfare, but how the state can assist markets to be more efficient, egalitarian and sustainable.

More of the Same: Steadily increasing consumer prosperity. Too awful to contemplate.

## Indicators

TODAY — UK: Industrial production (May). UK: Manufacturing (May). UK: Producer Prices (May). US: Consumer credit (May). GER: Unemployment (June).

## Tourist rates — bank sells

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12 SPORT/RACING

Halling's turn to dish dirt

Return to turf leads to Eclipse double. Graham Rock reports

HALLING showed identical qualities of speed and courage to repeat his victory of last year in the Coral-Eclipse at Sandown on Saturday, running on bravely to defeat Bijou d'Inde by a neck.

The Godolphin champion is unbeaten since recording his first success in a modest handicap at Ripon in August 1994. Not surprisingly, Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said afterwards that the winner would not be asked to race on dirt or sand again.

Halling's two defeats in the past two years came in the Breeders' Cup Classic at Belmont last Autumn and in the world's richest race, the Dubai World Cup, when he finished a street behind the fourth-placed Pentire, who ran third on Saturday.

Both Walter Swinburn, who won the Eclipse on him last year, and Saturday's successful jockey, John Reid, expressed admiration for Halling's attitude.

All horses want to run, but few show the exuberance and courage that Halling demonstrated in becoming the fourth horse this century to win the Eclipse in consecutive years. The Juddmonte International Irish Champion Stakes and Dubai Champion Stakes will probably complete Halling's season.

Mark Johnston is revising plans for Bijou d'Inde. His original intention was to contest the St James's Palace Stakes winner until the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot in late September and then run in the Breeders' Cup Mile. But now he is certain his colt

stays a mile and a quarter. Bijou d'Inde is likely to renew rivalry with Halling at York.

The Breeders' Cup Mile remains likely and Johnston is already thinking that the Dubai World Cup next spring might be a realistic target.

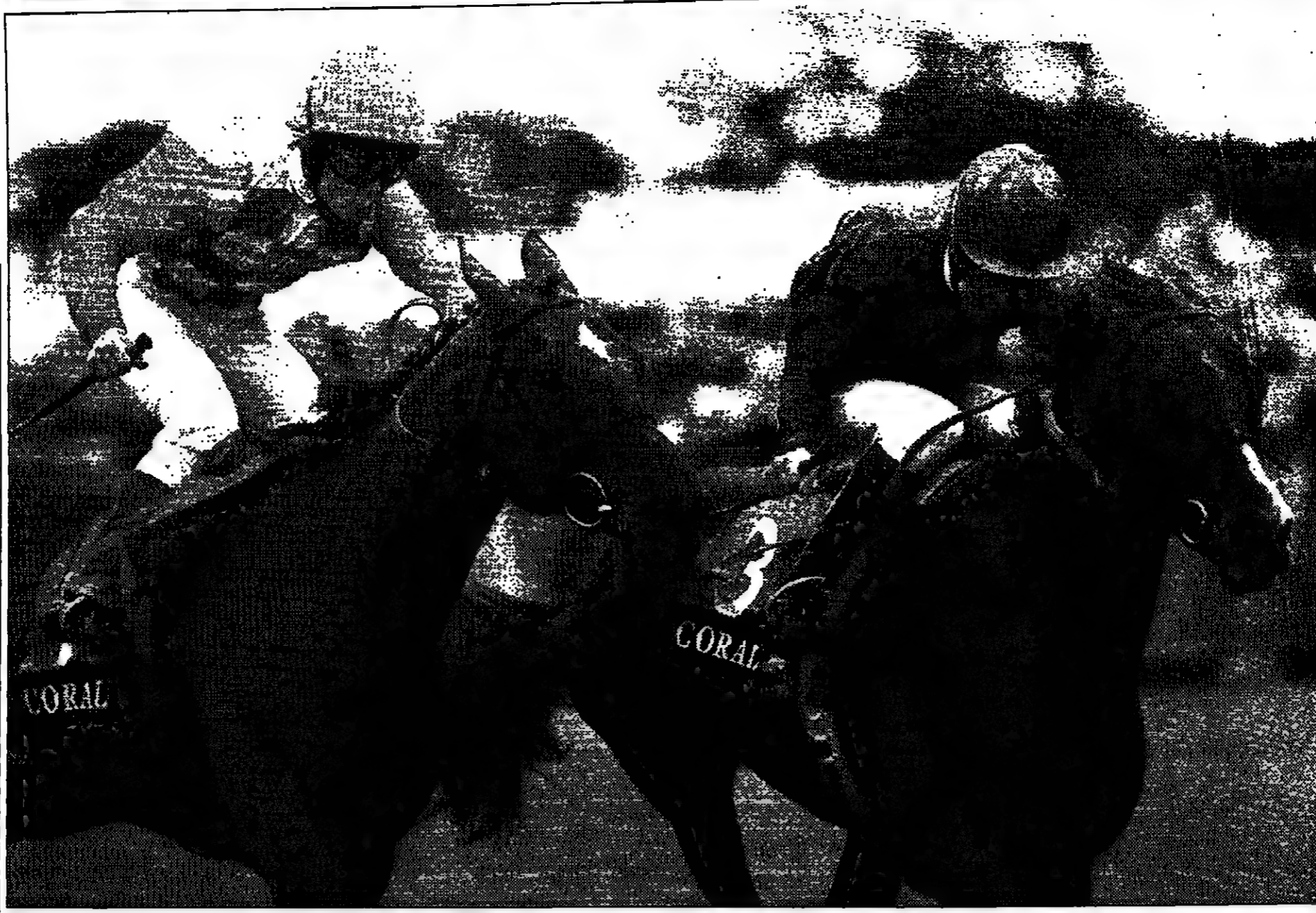
"He was a bit unlucky, racing through a wet patch and then challenging when the winner was taking him across the track," Johnston said yesterday. "It's very difficult to pass a horse under those circumstances and if we'd been able to challenge the other side he might have won."

"The winner found something when we moved up to challenge, though, so you can't take it away from him. Some people have said we were lucky at Ascot. I think luck was against us on Saturday, but he ran a great race."

Pentire moved up to threaten Halling with two furlongs remaining, but never reached the leader and stayed on at one pace to finish third, two lengths behind the winner, but five lengths clear of Definite Article in fourth.

His best form has been on fast ground, but his jockey, Michael Hills, said he thought Pentire ran as though he needed the putting Geoff Wragg's stable star will have every opportunity to redeem his reputation in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot later this month.

There were 18 sprinters declared for the July Cup at Newmarket on Thursday and all the major bookmaking firms have installed Pivotal as the short-priced favourite, with Ladbrokes's 7-4 the best odds available.



Neck and neck... John Reid and Halling (right) get the better of Bijou d'Inde and Jason Weaver in Saturday's Coral-Eclipse

PHOTOGRAPH: GEORGE SELWYN

heads the ante-post market. Ladbrokes's 9-2 is the best price about the second favourite, Anabaa. Trained by Criqueux Head at Chantilly, Anabaa is closely related to the top-class 10-furlong runner, The Sand, who won the Group Three Holywell Trophy in Hamburg.

Rehling the heavy ground, Hever Golf Rose, who is generally quoted at 12-1 for Thursday's sprint, was sent to the front by Derryl Holland at the two-furlong marker, but could not withstand the persistent challenge of the winner.

Geoff Lewis's Passion For Life made the running to half way under Paul Eddery, but dropped away quickly in the closing stages to finish last but one of the 12 runners.

Michael Jarvis won the first French juvenile pattern event of the season - Saturday's Group Three Prix du Bois at Longchamp - with Deep Finesse. Philip Robinson made all the running on Deep Finesse, who may go for the Weatherbys Supery Sprint in two weeks' time, although he could instead go back to France for the Prix Robert Papi on July 27.

Further British success came in France yesterday when Peter Chapple-Hyam's Chief Contender, who had finished ninth to Shaamit in the Derby on his previous start, scored a length-and-a-half victory over Faucon Royal in the Listed Derby de l'Ouest at Nantes.

Germano, partnered by Michael Hills, finished a disappointing last of 18 in yesterday's Group One Deutsches Derby over a mile and a half at Hamburg. Prominent for the first eight furlongs, the son of Generous was unable to go with the pace and gradually weakened.

The race was won by the home-trained favourite Lavro, trained by Peter Rau and ridden by Torsten Mundry. Suraco, the runner-up, carried the same colours as the winner.

Bath runners and riders with form guide

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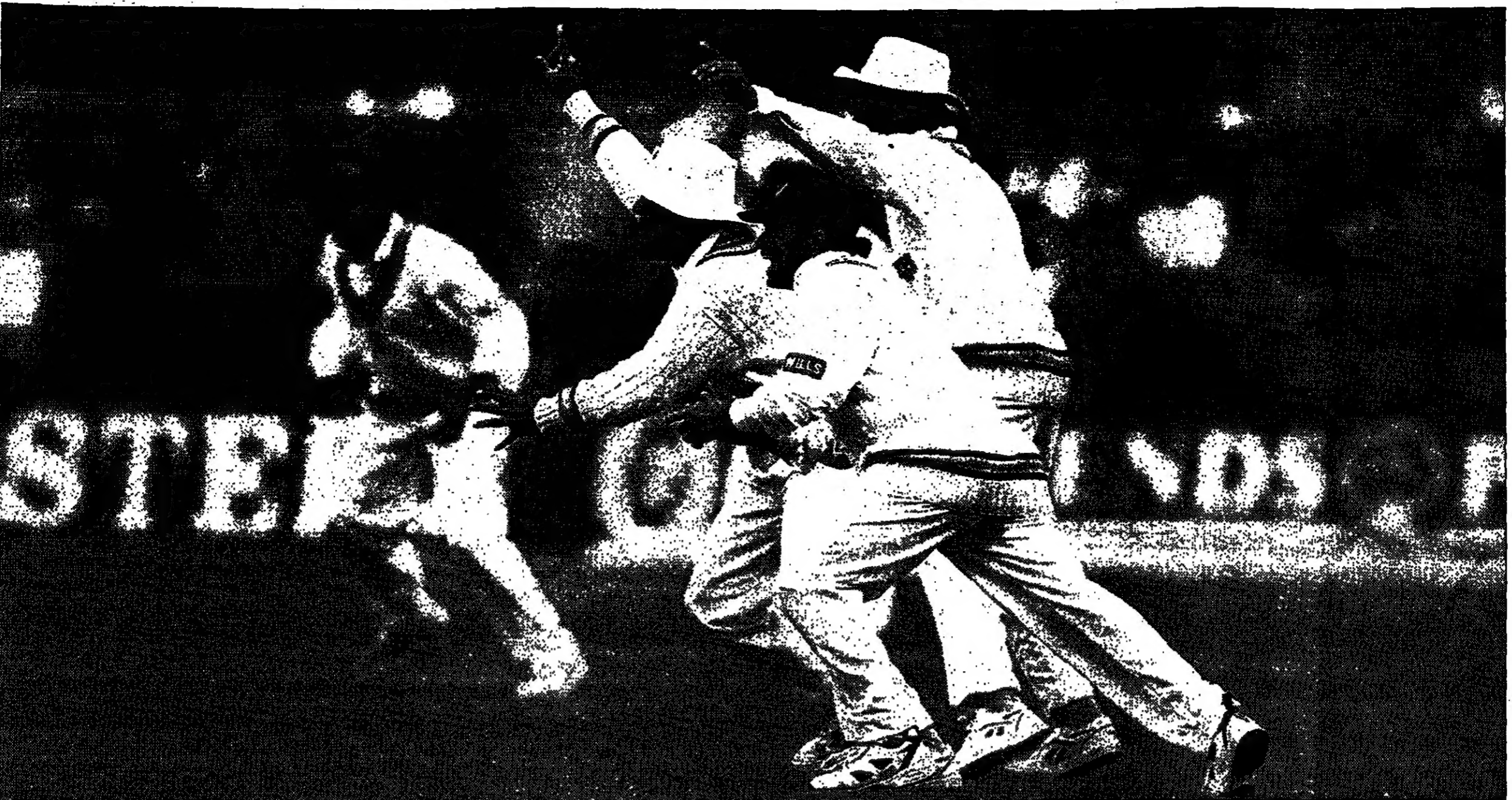
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RACELINE advertisement featuring a grid of numbers and the name 'Folгоре scores'.

Large vertical advertisement on the right side of the page, including 'Athe', 'Mike Selway', and 'Scoreboard'.



The one and only... India's slip cordon are quickly out of the blocks at Trent Bridge as Stewart is dubiously given out caught behind by Mongia off Srinath to provide the tourists with their only success on Saturday

MICHAEL STEELE

England v India: third Test, third day

# Atherton in charge as Hussain waits

Mike Selvey on a digital time-bomb at Trent Bridge

AT THE highest level of sport is about seizing the moment and sometimes riding it. Michael Atherton and Nasser Hussain would be among the first to nod agreement. After an unbeaten partnership on Saturday England's second-wicket pair could be parted this morning, not directly by the Indian attack but by a hairline crack in Hussain's right index-finger.

The Essex batsman, who has made such a list of filling the important No. 3 role, faces an early-morning net at Trent Bridge when a decision will be made on his fitness to continue. He was struck on the glove late on Saturday afternoon and yesterday a precautionary X-ray revealed the damage to his digit.

## Scoreboard

Table with cricket scores for England and India, including batsmen like Tendulkar, Dravid, and bowlers like Atherton, Srinath.

Atherton, circumstances pushing him to a low mental obb, edged a ball from Javagal Srinath to the left hand of Rahul Dravid at third slip. Once more the chance went begging. Atherton had not opened his account either and by Saturday evening he, too, had made his opponents pay dearly for the lapse. He dragged himself wearily from the field with 145, his 10th Test century, after an entire day at the crease.

With Hussain he has added 192 for the second wicket. Technically a different animal from the open-faced creature of two years ago, Hussain completed his second hundred of the series. It is more than a decade since an England batsman in the No. 3 position has done so. The first objective, 322 runs to avoid the follow-on, was achieved from the last ball of the day and, on a pitch that has shown no signs of wear, the potential is there for something special, whether or not Hussain plays a part.

Atherton has again demonstrated his remarkable resilience. He has never been, he will say, a streak player who feels particularly in form or out of it. To a degree he is fatalistic, devoting the very best of his endeavours to the process of scoring runs but believing that either he gets them or he does not, and that, if he does not, then he will next time.



Atherton's hundred, Hussain's congratulation. ADRIAN MARRELL

under which the modern Test umpire finds himself is having an adverse effect. Direct television replays and the new giant screens are stripping them bare in front of the crowd and the players. Mistakes will always be made both ways, with Alec Stewart the latest to be sent on his way by an apparently bad decision, while the Indians thought Hussain had been caught behind during both his centuries.

David Hopps on why the skipper needs a short break

THE talk in the Cornhill hospitality tent on Friday evening had been of why Michael Atherton should take some time off. How weary he must be, how run down. When he popped his face around the door for a few seconds (hoping to rebuke a sympathetic journalist whom he felt had wronged him), it was a surprise that he was not helpfully loaded down with travel brochures.

If Atherton had not been dreaming of Faraway Places, he had begun to resemble the man with Faraway Eyes. A batsman short of form and long on responsibility, the strains of the England captaincy looked as if they were beginning to tell again. Had the beer pumps whirred a little longer, his health might have been unfavourably compared with that of Boris Yeltsin.

Trust Atherton to summon up an innings of defiance, an immediate resort to the chattering glasses. His gruelling, seven-hour and counting, was far from the finest of his 10 England centuries but it certainly ranked among the most unyielding.

just the flip he needs before the Australians arrive in England next summer. Atherton undoubtedly feels the same way. Even the most popular or respected captain does not like to be divorced from his team for too long, recognising the natural and subtle shifts that will invariably occur in a dressing-room in his absence.

Atherton, though, is a special case, a captain who still seems irreplaceable. Assuming all goes roughly according to plan, he will not be a regular feature of 41 Tests as England captain in next summer's Ashes series. Only then, at the relatively young age of 28, will he dare consider his future.

It would be a proud moment but only in the context of a country that has chopped and changed its England captains to a ridiculous degree. For continuity, try Allan Border's record of 93 Tests as captain of Australia, or Clive Lloyd's 74 for West Indies.

Examine Saturday's innings and you see a batsman successfully striving to conquer his mental exhaustion. Runs in a Test match are worth more to a batsman's self-regard than a hundred hours in the nets. Look deeper and you have to ask how often he should be expected to do it? Professionalism, in part, might well be the art of producing a good performance when you least feel like it, as England's coach David Lloyd is fond of reminding us. But Atherton also deserves to recall the simpler pleasures, when there is nothing in the world you would rather be doing than batting well.

Tour match Northamptonshire v Pakistanis

# Kabir belies age to keep tourists out of trouble

David Foot at Northampton

THE manager, captain and the rest of the Pakistani team moved out on to the balcony ready to acclaim the hundred of the uncapped Shadab Kabir, a 19-year-old left-hander whose innings brought a luxurious texture to the day and orchestrated, with surprising maturity, a solid recovery by the tourists.

And as one, their faces were drained of expectation for an emerging star as David Capel with the new ball, had Kabir sparring unashamedly to give a catch at the wicket on 56. He had made few mistakes as he hit two sixes and 11 fours off 193 balls. The Pakistan manager Yawar Bashed did not dilute his praise in any way because of the disappointment. "Here is a player of immense promise. I'm delighted not just that he scored so many runs but in the manner he got them when we were in trouble. He'll surely be featuring in the long-term future of Pakistan cricket."

Kabir is small and slender. But the stature is a deception. He drives with the zest, if not yet perhaps the panache, of a Lara; he strokes through the covers before running tours with innocent joy; he hates wasting balls, so stretches a long way to reach and then cut to the boundary. He late into the old-fashioned tradition, drives with balance and power through the off.

year-old like his partner, was last out, bowled by Capel as he went for his third six.

After that sequence of early failures — a slip catch in the first over, a drop there in the second — Pakistan did well to reach 333. Four of the wickets went to Capel, two of the others to Scowell on his county debut. That left 20 overs, and the reinstated Fordham and Montgomerie scored 71 without loss.

Chris Adams celebrated his debut as Derbyshire skipper in style, becoming the fourth batsman to reach 1,000 first-class runs this season with a quickfire 86 against the South African A team at Chesterfield.

But while he pressed hard on the accelerator, the bowlers kept the handkerchiefs dry. South Africa A bowled their overs at an average of 12.1 an hour during Derbyshire's first innings of 316 for five declared.

## Rowing

# Imperial's full measure unhinged by Yale

Christopher Dodel at Henley

YALE'S undefeated freshman crew deprived Imperial College of a hat-trick when they won the Temple Challenge Cup yesterday. It was a double celebration for the American university, which first sent a crew to Henley 100 years ago.

little difficulty in beating the Dutch lightweight Scaudi and Argo in the regatta's latest time. This was a much better result than shown in the film of the 1987 Oxford mutiny, the Blue, in which they do the rowing while actors do the arguing.

boat at the end. He struggled with ease against Caroline Lathi from Lucerne. Brentwood of Canada's verdict of "essentially" in the Princess Elizabeth was a humiliating defeat for St Edward's. Brentwood's time of 6.25 was only three seconds outside the record, putting the strength of British junior rowing, as demonstrated all week, in the shade.

Goldie, with five Blues on board, trounced Leader in the Ladies' Plate. They were ahead by 1½ lengths after half a mile and stretched this to 3¼ lengths at the finish. Four of the Blues then contested the premier fours final, the Stewards', against Notts County and London, who also formed half of a Ladies' Plate eight.

Andy Butt dropped out of both Notts crews on Friday when his wife went into labour, and he was a proud father of Jack Samuel by the time the substitute Bill Baker helped beat the Blues with Ian Watson, John Williamson and Chris Bates stroking. Isis's only finalists were

beaten half a length by Argo from Holland in the Visitors after leading all the way. Two of the Dutchmen also rowed in the defeated Grand crew. Wallingford, the German student champions, in the semi-finals could not hold Neptune, the Irish champions, in the Thames Cup final. Greg Walker and Greg Lewis, who failed to make the American Olympic team, carried off the Double Sculls against the Swiss pair Gunter Schneider and Jurg Habermayr.

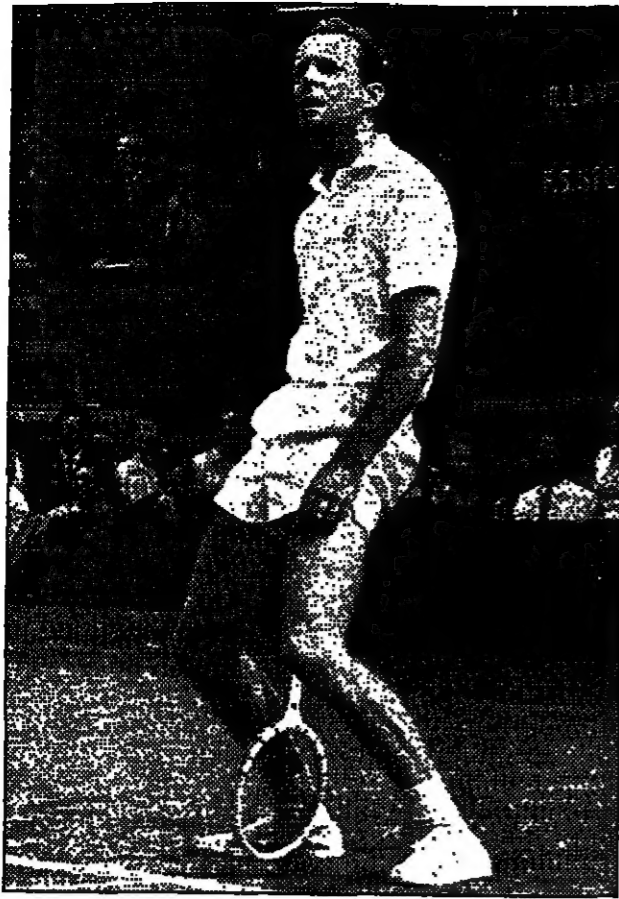
## Athletics

# Kiptanui goes for steeplechase record in star-studded meeting

WORLD-RECORD attempts in the men's 5,000 metres and 3,000m steeplechase will be the highlights of today's Grand Prix in Stockholm. The Kenyan world champion Moses Kiptanui will aim to lower the steeplechase mark of 7min 59.18sec he set last year in Zurich and three of the four athletes who ran under 18min in Rome on June 5 will go in the 5,000m. Salah Hissou of Morocco won then in 12:50.50.

Michael Johnson, beaten over 200m by Frankie Fredericks on Friday, will be tested by Trinidad's Ato Boldon.





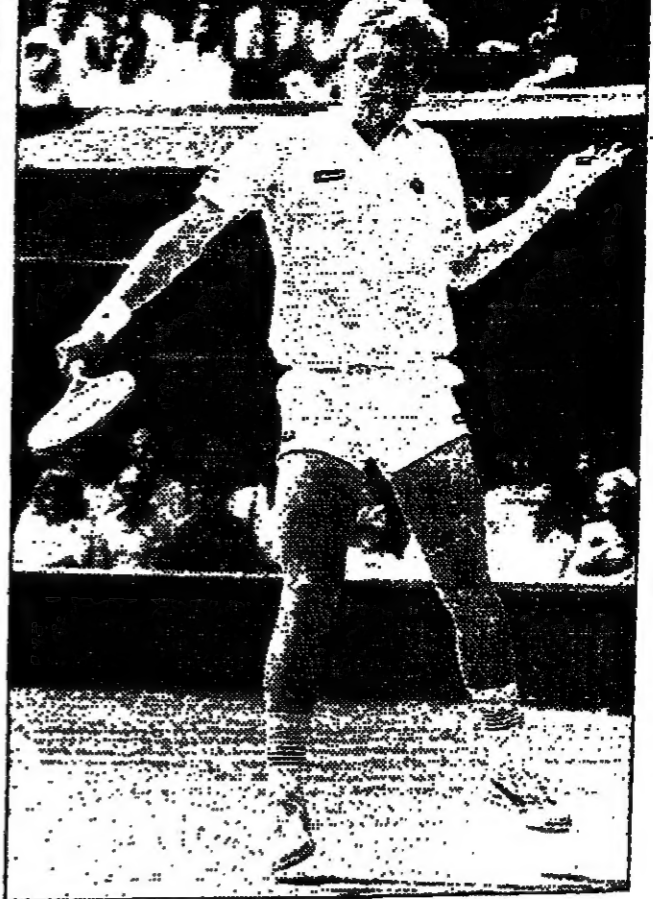
FRED STOLLE, Australia, 1963, lost to Chuck McKinley (US), seeded fourth, 9-7, 6-1, 6-2. Stolle, 24, fell at the last hurdle again in 1964 and 1965 but won the US title in 1966.



WILHELM BUNGERT, Germany, 1967, lost to John Newcombe (Aus) 6-3, 6-1, 6-1.



CHRIS LEWIS, New Zealand, 1983, lost to John McEnroe (US), seeded second, 6-2, 6-2. Lewis played a stunning semi-final to beat Kevin Curren, who had earlier knocked out the No. 1 Jimmy Connors, but he lasted only 85 minutes in the final.



BORIS BECKER, Germany, 1985, beat Kevin Curren (US), the eighth seed, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4. At 17 years and seven months he was the youngest Wimbledon's men's winner.

# Graf remains first among unequals

Stephen Bierley looks beyond Sanchez Vicario to a fit Seles or older Hingis to alter the old order

FROM time to time during Saturday's final thoughts turned to pigs. Not the fat ones that Richard Krajicek, in an appalling moment of political incorrectness, once suggested were rampant in the women's game; rather, the noise these creatures make: the grunt. It is perhaps unfair both on women's tennis and pigs to describe the cries certain players emit as grunts but English is not particularly rich in verbs or adjectives to detail the exhalation of air accompanied by sound. So it is that Monica Seles has been dubbed a grunter, which in no way adequately defines the tone and variation of her... whatever else you care to call them. Thoughts of Seles were to the fore during the women's final because without her return to form the women's game is likely to continue to be dominated by Steffi Graf and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, who have now met in six of the last 11 grand slam finals. Not that this is an entirely bad thing, for the contrast between their styles often leads to riveting, fluctuating tennis. This was not quite the case this time; Graf's imperious forehand rarely allowed Sanchez Vicario the chance to do anything other than cling on, particularly in the first set. Graf can hardly have played better on Centre Court than she did then. Sanchez Vicario was visibly upset last month when she lost in three sets to Graf at Roland Garros, having come so close to victory. On Saturday she accepted, without excuse, that Graf had simply been the better player. "Steffi has never played the forehand as good. When she plays me she plays her best, and on this occasion she was so consistent - better than any other match." The pulverising depth of Graf's forehand, particularly to Sanchez Vicario's backhand side, was the dominant theme of a final which, in true keeping with the wretchedly interrupted second week, was called off court because of rain before the players had finished knocking up. Mercifully this was to be the last of Saturday's showers. Graf began tentatively, Sanchez Vicario gaining two break points on the German's opening serve. But then the Spaniard was in trouble, saving two break points herself. There was a Wagnerian grumble of thunder in the fourth game. Sanchez Vicario, who lives in the Pyrenees, is used to such reverberating storms; here the only lightning to strike belonged to Graf and the Spaniard's serve suffered a direct hit. The first set took 33 minutes and, when Graf rushed to a 4-0 second-set lead, it appeared the final would last barely an hour. Sanchez Vicario had not played badly but Graf's power and length were pitiless. The Spaniard fretted over two or three close line calls and waved her arms in exaggerated annoyance when a Graf forehand was called out, then overruled. However, she scarcely had time to get properly upset. When, at 3-0 down, Sanchez Vicario took a bathroom break, Graf (still suffering from a heavy cold for which she had received treatment in the first set) covered herself in towels. If the Spaniard's interlude was an attempt to break Graf's clamp on the match it had a delayed effect. Graf held her next serve to love and only then began to display vulnerability. An air shot on a smash led to her being broken for the first time and she lost her serve again as Sanchez Vicario levelled at 5-5. Graf's response was immediate. On the first point of the next game Sanchez Vicario fell as she tried to retrieve; she rose extremely slowly and, although not hurt, promptly lost her serve to love. The shadow of her compatriot Miguel Indurain, blowing up horribly in the Alps, fell across her. So Graf served out for her seventh Wimbledon and 20th grand slam title. It was her 100th tournament win and 789th singles success. "I don't know how I do it. I just keep on doing it. I don't care." The one person who cares rather a lot is Seles, who remains the joint No. 1. But having lost in the quarter-finals of the French Open and the second round of Wimbledon, she clearly is no longer on level terms with Graf. Tennis needs a fit Seles for, until Martina Hingis gains the strength to go with her talent, the competition at the top appears decidedly thin.



Single-minded... Steffi Graf's seventh Wimbledon crown was her 20th grand slam title and 100th tournament win.

# Navratilova looks at the point of no return

Richard Jago wonders if the legend's exit was her last

MARTINA Navratilova took her leave on the day Court One had been due to do the same. She picked up a piece of its departing grass and departed herself with such ceremonial waves amid nostalgic cheers that it made one wonder whether this was a Wimbledon farewell for her too. In theory she should still have unfinished business. The 7-6, 7-6 quarter-final defeat she and Jonathan Stark suffered at the more forceful hands of Grant Connell and Lindsay Davenport not only cost them their mixed doubles title but left Navratilova tantalisingly one short of the record 20 Wimbledon titles. Nor is she committed to another try. "I only decided to play a couple of weeks before the tournament this time, so I don't know if I will be back," she said. "I don't have any hopes." There had been moments when she looked unfamiliarly vulnerable, even though a champion's spirit emanated from almost every grimace and grin. This encouraged the crowd to shrill its enjoyment when somehow she contained a volleying bombardment which saved match point on her serve at 5-6. Her serve had been broken in the 11th game of the first set and she struggled at the net in the second and third points of the second-set tie-break. These put Connell and Davenport 3-0 up and effectively ended the holders' campaign. It had not been lack of fitness which scuppered the legend. The body still looked honed, the movements supple. But absence of competition and shortage of practice almost certainly hindered her - and she has no plans to increase either in the coming year. "I basically don't play tennis at all now," she said. "I would only play Wimbledon again if I still had the desire, the health and a good partner." She exited with a smile but left an impression that, whether she returns or not, Billie Jean King's record is likely to remain. The span of Navratilova's triumphs had been emphasised by the presence of the Czech-born Swiss prodigy Martina Hingis in the previous match on Court One. Hingis, named after the enduring legend, indicated her parents had made an apt choice by becoming the youngest player to reach a Wimbledon final when she and Helena Sukova won their doubles 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 against Linda Wild and Liz Smylie. Hingis is four days younger than Lottie Dod was when she won the singles in 1887 at the age of 15 years and 285 days.

**The last 16 men**

4th round	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Final
P. SAMPRAS (US)	P. SAMPRAS (US)	R. Krajicek (Hol)	Winner
C. Pioline (Fr)	6-4, 6-4, 6-2	7-5, 7-6, 6-4	Richard Krajicek
M. Stich (Ger)	R. Krajicek (Hol)	R. Krajicek (Hol)	6-3, 6-4, 6-3
R. Krajicek (Hol)	6-4, 7-6, 6-4	7-5, 6-2, 6-1	
G. IVANISEVIC (Cro)	G. IVANISEVIC (Cro)	J. Stoltenberg (AUS)	
P. Rafter (Aus)	7-6, 4-6, 7-6, 6-1	6-3, 7-6, 6-7, 7-6	
J. Hisek (Swi)	J. Stoltenberg (AUS)	J. Stoltenberg (AUS)	
J. Stoltenberg (AUS)	6-2, 7-6, 6-2		
T. Henman (GBR)	T. Henman (GBR)	T. MARTIN (US)	
M. Gustafsson (Swa)	7-6, 6-4, 7-6	7-6, 7-6, 6-4	
T. MARTIN (US)	T. MARTIN (US)	M. Washington (US)	
T. Johansson (Swe)	3-6, 6-3, 7-6, 6-2	5-7, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, 10-8	
P. Haarhuis (Hol)	M. Washington (US)	M. Washington (US)	
M. Washington (US)	6-3, 6-4, 6-2	6-7, 7-6, 5-7, 7-6, 6-4	
A. Radulescu (Ger)	A. Radulescu (Ger)		
N. Godwin (SA)	6-3, 6-0, 6-4		

**The last 16 women**

4th round	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Final
S. GRAF (Ger)	S. GRAF (Ger)	S. GRAF (Ger)	Winner
M. HINGIS (Swi)	6-1, 6-4	6-3, 6-2	Steffi Graf
P. Hy-Boulala (Can)	J. NOVOTNA (CR)	K. DATE (Jpn)	
J. NOVOTNA (CR)	6-3, 6-1	5-7, 7-6, 6-3	
C. MARTINEZ (Sp)	K. DATE (Jpn)	M. PIERCE (Fr)	
K. DATE (Jpn)	5-7, 7-6, 6-3	3-6, 6-3, 6-1	
M. PIERCE (Fr)	M. PIERCE (Fr)	J. Wiesner (Aut)	
E. Likhovtseva (Rus)	6-2, 6-3	J. Wiesner (Aut)	
J. Wiesner (Aut)	J. Wiesner (Aut)	A. SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp)	
A. Frazier (US)	6-1, 6-4	6-4, 6-0	
S. Appelmans (Bel)	A. SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp)	A. SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp)	
A. SANCHEZ VICARIO	3-6, 6-2, 6-1	6-2, 6-1	
A. Sugiyama (Jpn)	M. J. FERNANDEZ (US)	M. McGrath (US)	
M. J. FERNANDEZ (US)	6-4, 1-6, 6-3	6-3, 6-1	
M. McGrath (US)	M. McGrath (US)		
K. Studnickova (Slovak)	6-4, 6-0		

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Mixed blessings that recall the sunset evenings of youth



Frank Keating

THE mixed doubles final will be played today. More than £100,000 is on the table...

nouncing: "We just want to keep winning, so we can become part of history."

compatriots John Newcombe and Tony Roche won three in a row from 1968.

were put out of the over-45s quarter-finals on Friday by Ilye Nastase and Tom Okker.

most marvellous and, really, the most relevant. To some misogynists, of course, mixed is the Battle of the Sexes writ large...

equally when to allow her the minimum room to get by.

with Gussy Moran, long in leg and short in skirt and skill.

Tour de France

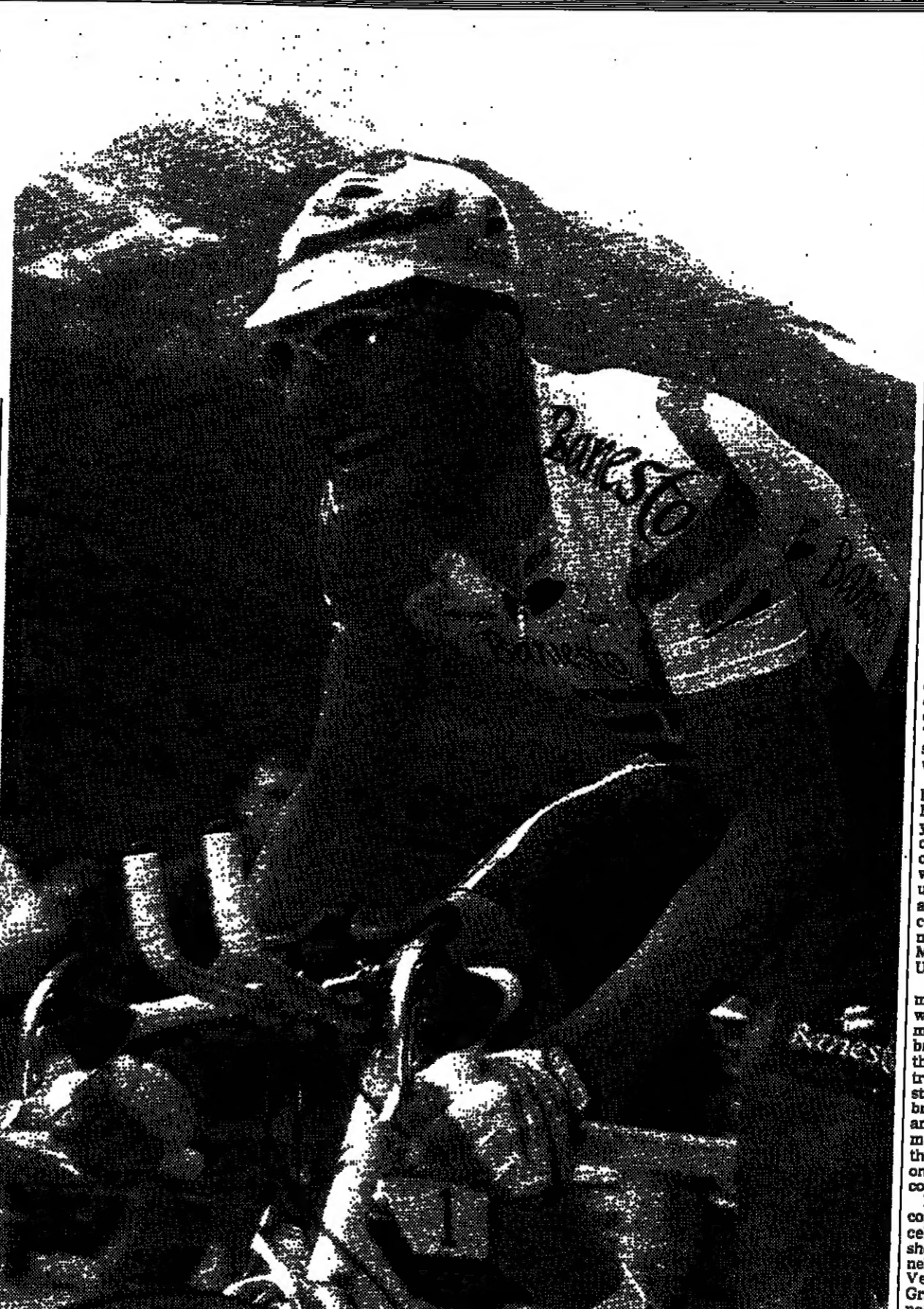
Indurain's sixth title slips away

William Fotheringham on the wicked Alpine climbs that have ruined the champion's campaign

EVGENY BERZIN, the precocious Russian prodigy who topped Miguel Indurain in the 1994 Tour of Italy...

healthy Tour pedigrees such as Tony Rominger, Piotr Ugrumov, Rikis and Richard Virenque...

German is a Tour novice. In sixth place is a dark horse, Peter Luttenberger of Austria...



Slippery slope... Indurain feels the strain during yesterday's individual time-trial to Val d'Isère

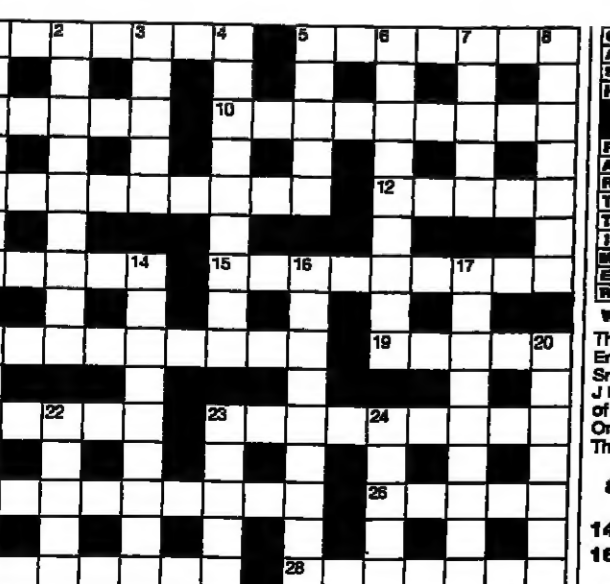
Tour enjoys TV boom

Mark Redding on why the great race can afford to reject pay-per-view offers

COUCH potatoes worldwide can rest easy: the Tour de France has no intention of going pay-per-view.

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The blood, sweat and tears in the rain for the Tour cyclists

William Fotheringham in Val d'Isère on a weather-hit week that saw 40 withdrawals

IT WAS the first of many sobering sights over the weekend: on Saturday morning most of the field scrambled for shelter from a torrential rain shower...

met de Roselend, suffering is prolonged in cold rain, while 60-miles-per-hour descents in blinding spray have taken on a new resonance since the death last year...

cold. In such weather the tiny tears in the musculature do not heal as quickly. In addition, when riders crash...

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